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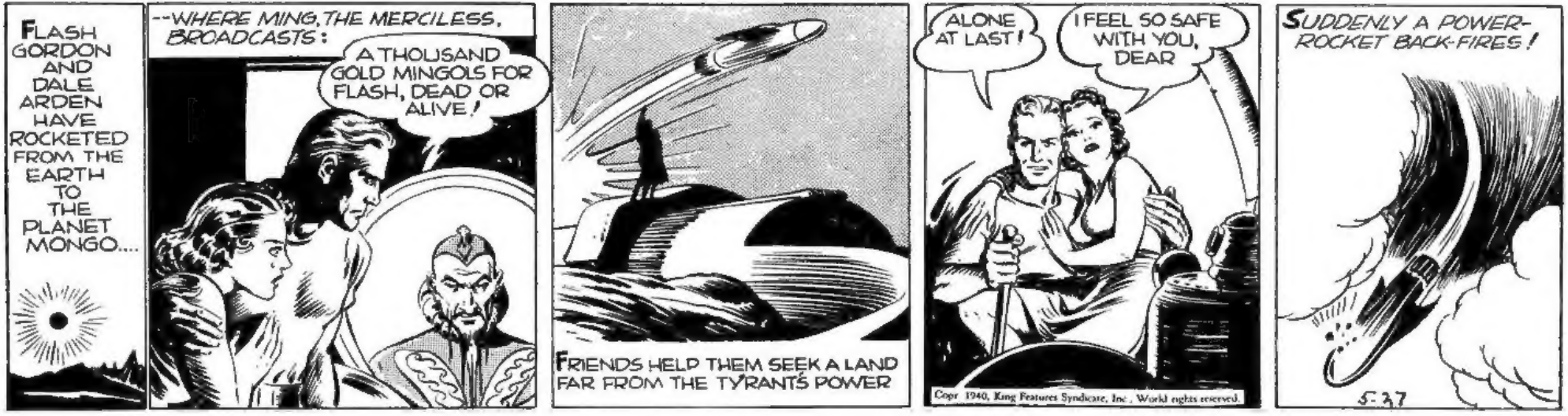
FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN HAVE ROCKETED FROM THE EARTH TO THE PLANET MONGO....
--WHERE MING, THE MERCILESS, BROADCASTS:
A THOUSAND GOLD MINGOLS FOR FLASH, DEAD OR ALIVE!
FRIENDS HELP THEM SEEK A LAND FAR FROM THE TYRANT'S POWER
ALONE AT LAST!
I FEEL SO SAFE WITH YOU, DEAR
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SUDDENLY A POWER-ROCKET BACK-FIRES!
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FLASH'S ROCKET-SHIP EXPLODES IN MID-AIR!
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WITH ALL HIS GREAT STRENGTH FLASH FIGHTS TO CONTROL THEIR FALL...
I'LL CUSHION YOU WHEN WE CRASH
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS, IF I'M IN YOUR ARMS
THE CRASH STUNS EVEN FLASH--AND FIRE BREAKS OUT!
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FIRE BLOCKS THE DOOR OF FLASH'S WRECKED ROCKET
DALE! ARE YOU ALIVE?
WITH ALL HIS MIGHT FLASH STRAINS TO BURST THE STEELY GLASSITE WALLS....
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YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!
I HOPE WE CAN FIND WATER—
FLASH AND DALE ESCAPE FROM THE WRECKED ROCKET....
A GAME TRAIL--SHOULD LEAD TO A WATER-HOLE!
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A PORCON! THERE'S OUR DINNER, DALE.
5-30
BUT AN UNSEEN MAN-EATER SMELLS THEIR COOKING MEAT..

A STARVING HORROSAUR THUNDERS TOWARD THE SMELL OF FOOD....
FLASH HURLS DALE TO SAFETY!
-WHIRLS AND FIRES HIS RAY-GUN AT THE MONSTER
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THE ELECTRIC BOLT HARDLY DENTS THE BEAST'S SCALY ARMOR
5-31
A MAN-EATING HORROSAUR ATTACKS FLASH
DODGING, FLASH USES THE MONSTER AS A SPRING-BOARD TO SAFETY!
I WAS SO FRIGHTENED, DEAR...
WE AREN'T SAFE YET--IT CAN CLIMB!
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IT SEES SOMETHING COMING
FLASH AND DALE ARE TREED BY A HORROSAUR

A LOST CHILD! IT'LL BE EATEN ALIVE!
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FLASH UNHESITATINGLY LEAPS TO THE RESCUE
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THE ARMORED MONSTER GOES MAD WITH RAGE

FLASH, SINGLE-HANDED, BATTLES THE HORROSAUR
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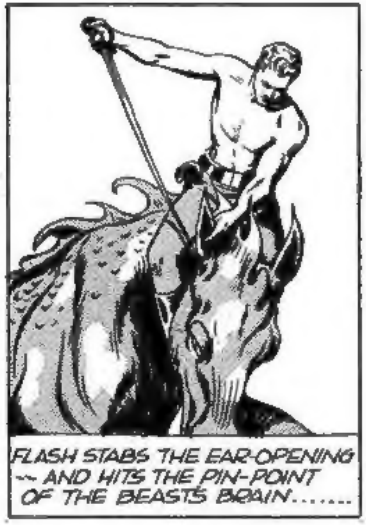
FLASH STABS THE EAR-OPENING -- AND HITS THE PIN-POINT OF THE BEAST'S BRAIN.....

COME ON, DALE. IT'S SAFE, NOW.
YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
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POOR BOY, HE FAINTED FROM FRIGHT!
I DON'T BLAME HIM

YOU'RE SAFE, BOY!
FLASH RESCUES A CHILD LOST IN THE MONGO FORESTS.....
HE CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION
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HARK!
FATHER!
YOU SAVED MY SON! OUR LIVES ARE YOURS FOREVER, STRANGER
MY BOY!
6-5
WELCOME TO THE HOME OF LOTON
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I'M FLASH GORDON
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. WHO ELSE COULD SAVE MY SON FROM A HORROSAUR?
6-6
YOU KNOW, MING HAS PUT A PRICE ON MY HEAD
WE'LL NEVER BETRAY YOU
OPEN IN THE NAME OF MING, THE MERCILESS
MING'S PATROL!

THEY'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE
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6-7
RATHER THAN GET LOTON IN TROUBLE, FLASH AND DALE HIDE IN THE THATCHED ROOF
COMING, SOLDIERS!
MING'S TAXES-- GIVE ME ALL YOUR MONEY AND METAL TOOLS AND POTS
DON'T TAKE MY AXE! HOW'LL I WORK?
MAKE ANOTHER WHERE'S YOUR MONEY? TEAR THE PLACE DOWN, MEN!
FLASH HIDES, WHILE MING'S PATROL SEARCHES
TORTURE THEM TILL THEY GIVE UP THEIR MONEY!
6-8
DON'T! I SWEAR I HAVE NO MONEY!
FLASH EXPOSES HIS HIDING-PLACE TO STOP THE TORTURER
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FLASH SHELTERS DALE BEHIND THE LOG WALLS----AND THE SIEGE BEGINS!!

FLASH AND DALE ARE BESIEGED BY MING'S PATROL
BURN THE HOUSE DOWN

I'M FLASH GORDON-MING WILL PAY YOU A REWARD IF YOU GET ME!
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FLASH'S CHALLENGE STOPS THEM FROM BURNING HIM UP
COME ON! FLASH IS WORTH A THOUSAND GOLD MINGOLS--DEAD OR ALIVE!

I'LL NEVER LET MING'S PATROL GET US, DALE.
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO, NOW?
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UNTIE THE PRISONERS. WE'LL USE THEM AS SHIELDS

MING'S BLOODHOUNDS SKULK FORWARD, KNOWING FLASH IS TOO CHIVALROUS TO RISK HITTING THE INNOCENT.....

THEY'RE USING LOTON AND HIS WIFE AS SHIELDS! I CAN'T SHOOT--
THEY'LL CAPTURE US!
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QUICK--HAND ME THOSE CLOTHES--
WHY ?
IN MAD HASTE THEY FASHION TWO CRUDE DUMMIES
OUTSIDE, MING'S MEN BATTER AT THE DOOR--
MING'S PATROL BURSTS INTO FLASH'S CABIN ---
BY TAO! THEY'RE BOTH DEAD!
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DROP YOUR WEAPON
FLASH GORDON!
DON'T MAKE ANOTHER MISTAKE LIKE THAT!
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ORDER THE REST OF YOUR PATROL TO LINE UP OUTSIDE!
PATROL, FALL IN - STACK ARMS - WE'VE CAPTURED FLASH GORDON -
6-14
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HE MEANS, FLASH GORDON HAS CAPTURED YOU!
I LIKE YOUR CAT-HORSES, LOTON
FLASH, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE PRISONERS?
TELL MING TO KEEP HIS PATROLS AT HOME
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6-15
MING'S OFFICER REPORTS FLASH'S DEFIANCE
I'LL MAKE THIS WHOLE PLANET TOO HOT FOR HIM!

IT SEEMS SO PEACEFUL AND SAFE HERE
SH-H-H-H-
HERE I AM, LOTON
MING'S PICKED MAN—HUNTERS ARE IN THE FOREST
6 17
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WE'LL HIDE YOU SOMEWHERE
NO- I'M THROUGH HIDING!
COME ON- WE'LL GET YOUR MEN TO MEET MING'S PATROL --AND GIVE THEM A WARM WELCOME!
PLEASE GO, DALE. THIS AMBUSH IS DANGEROUS.
NO, I'M STICKING WITH YOU, WHATEVER HAPPENS BOOST ME UP THIS TREE!
G-18
A MOMENT LATER, MING'S HEAVILY-ARMED PATROL RIDES ON ITS MAN-HUNT FOR FLASH!
AT FLASH'S SIGNAL, THE TREES RAIN DOWN ARMED WOODSMEN!

ONE OF MING'S AMBUSHED MAN HUNTERS ESCAPES TO SPREAD THE ALARM....
6 19
FLASH, ONE-TIME POLO STAR, CATCHES UP--
FLASH LEAPS FROM HIS DOOMED HORSE
HO, LOTON! NOW WE HAVE THEM ALL!
FLASH'S MEN PUT ON THE UNIFORMS OF MING'S CAPTURED MAN-HUNTERS
WISH ME LUCK, DALE
OPEN FOR MING'S MAN HUNTERS!
BOLDLY THEY RIDE UP TO THE CHIEF FRONTIER FORTRESS
6 20
FLASH HANDS THE COMMANDER MING'S CAPTURED ORDERS!
YOU'LL TURN OVER THE FORT TO US WHILE WE HUNT FLASH GORDON
BUT THIS DOESN'T GIVE YOU AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER THE FORT--
HERE'S MY AUTHORITY-- AND I'VE TAKEN YOUR FORT!
FLASH GORDON!

WE'LL PUT YOU MEN IN YOUR OWN DUNGEONS...
FLASH DARINGLY SEIZES MING'S FRONTIER FORTRESS~~~~
FLASH FINDS ONE CELL ALREADY IN USE BY A CAPTIVE OF MING'S..
BEAT ME AGAIN--! I STILL WONT BETRAY MY PEOPLE, JAILER!
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YOU POOR GIRL!- YOU'RE SAFE FROM MING, NOW!
IN HER SURPRISE AND RELIEF, THE PROUD AND MYSTERIOUS PRISONER OF STATE FAINTS IN FLASH'S ARMS!
6-21
OH!
DALE ARRIVES JUST AS THE BEAUTIFUL PRISONER FAINTS IN THE ARMS OF HER RESCUER, FLASH—
SORRY I LET MYSELF GO--
NO WONDER.. DALE, THIS POOR GIRL WAS MING'S PRISONER
H-M-M-M ?
I AM PRINCESS LITA. MING WAS TRYING TO MAKE ME SHOW HIM THE WAY INTO MY COUNTRY-- MY PEOPLE NEED HELP
YOU CAN COUNT ON FLASH GORDON!
6-22
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THE APE-MEN ARE TERRORIZING MY COUNTRY
FLASH GOES TO HELP PRINCESS LITA
THIS IS THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO MY COUNTRY
IT'S CERTAINLY HIDDEN!
THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE IS SCREENED BY POLAROID RAYS
6-24
SHE'S VANISHED! DON'T GO, FLASH~ I DON'T TRUST HER
STAY IF YOU LIKE ~~I'M GOING IN!
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COME ON, DALE AND LOTON
FLASH GOES THROUGH THE RAY-SCREENED TUNNEL ENTRANCE
IT DOESN'T HURT ~~BUT I'M SCARED!
SO AM I~BUT I'M STAYING WITH FLASH!
OH, DARLING~I WAS SO AFRAID~DON'T LEAVE ME AGAIN
I KNEW YOU'D COME, DALE
THIS IS MY KINGDOM!
6-25
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MY FATHER, KING LITRO, WAS A SCIENTIST- HE RAY-SCREENED THIS VALLEY AGAINST MING'S PLANES
THERE'S MY CITY
YOU'RE BACK AT LAST, PRINCESS LITA!
THE APE-MEN GOT MY HUSBAND!
6-26
I KNOW, DEAR THEY GOT MY FATHER, TOO
APE-MEN? POOR LITA!
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THAT'S THE LAST MAN IN MY CITY- THE APE-MEN DEVOUR THEM.
THEY'LL FIND ME A TOUGH MOUTHFUL— LET'S GO HUNTING, LOTON.
DON'T GO-- THEY'LL EAT YOU ALIVE
NOW, DALE, DON'T WORRY, NO APE-MAN'S EVER EATEN ME YET ~ I'VE GOT TO HELP THESE PEOPLE
THEIR LAIRS ARE IN THOSE HILLS, BUT THEY CAN'T BE KILLED~ NO BULLET EVER STOPS THEM!
WE'LL TAKE A CHANCE ON OUR RAY-GUNS
LOTON, I'VE A FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED
A CRAFTY APE-MAN TRAILS THE TWO HUNTERS ~~~
WHEN LOTON DROPS BEHIND IN A NARROW PASS~~
HELP! --UG!
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FLASH RACES TO RESCUE LOTON FROM THE APE-MAN
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FLASH TAKES AIM, CAREFUL NOT TO HIT LOTON
FLASH FIRES TWICE---AND MYSTERIOUSLY MISSES! THE RAYS SEEM TO GO RIGHT THROUGH THE MONSTER
THE APE-MAN, UNHURT, CHARGES AT FLASH!
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UNABLE TO HIT THE SAVAGE APE-MAN, FLASH DIVES IN A FOOTBALL TACKLE
6-29
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BUT THE MYSTERIOUS MONSTER ISN'T THERE~FLASH'S HEAD HITS A ROCK WITH A SICKENING THUD
THE APE-MAN ABANDONS HIS INVISO-GLASS SCREEN WHICH HAS BEEN HIDING HIS TRUE POSITION~~~
UH--FOOD!
--FOR HE NEEDS TWO HANDS TO CARRY HIS HUMAN PREY!

FLASH AND LOTON ARE CALIGHT AND CARRIED AWAY BY AN APE-MAN
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THE APE-MAN MARCHES THROUGH SEEMINGLY SOLID ROCK----A POLAROID RAY-SCREEN HIDING THE CAVE MOUTH
HO! MUGGA BRING FOOD!
STRONG MEN! WE EAT 'EM~ GET STRONGER
7 1
FLASH COMES TO--A PRISONER OF THE CANNIBAL APE-MEN!
HERE- DRINK-
DON'T TOUCH IT, LOTON~THOSE LEAVES ARE RICH IN HYPNOTIN, THE WILL-DESTROYING DRUG
THIS NO HURT YOU--SEE, LITRO LIKES IT!
PLEASE, MUGGA- PLEASE!
LITRO? HE'S THE KIDNAPED KING, LITA'S FATHER! POOR DEVIL!
I'D RATHER DIE THAN GET LIKE THAT!
7-2

I COOK THEM NOW ?
PLEASE - WAIT --QUESTION THEM FIRST
THE APE-MEN HOLD A COUNCIL OF WAR WITH THEIR DRUGGED AND HYPNOTIZED CAPTIVE, LITRO
MEANWHILE, DALE SENSES FLASH'S PERIL
WE'RE SAFE WITHIN OUR STEELITE HOUSE, DALE
BUT FLASH ISN'T SAFE!
I'LL GO ALONE TO HELP HIM IF YOU'RE AFRAID
I'M AFRAID--BUT I'LL GO WITH YOU
73
I'LL DRINK~ UNTIE MY HANDS--
THE APE-MEN URGE A DRUGGED DRINK ON THEIR CAPTIVES~~~
74
ALL RIGHT~ LITTLE MAN CAN'T HURT ME!
BETTER NOT, MUGGA
WITH A SWIFT BURST OF STRENGTH, FLASH HURLS THE HUGE KETTLE'S CONTENTS IN THE APE-MEN'S FACES!

FLASH BLINDS THE APE-MEN WITH THEIR OWN STEAMING STEW~~
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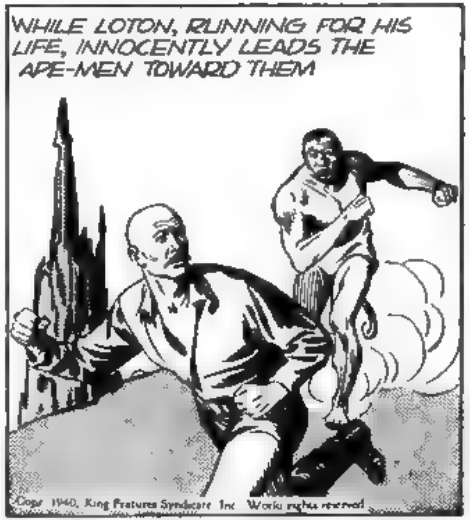
FLASH UNTIES HIS FELLOW-CAPTIVE AS HE FLEES
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, LOTON~~ I'M STAYING!
7-5

FLASH CLIMBS THE SHEER ROCK WALL, AS THE APE-MEN CHASE THE FLEEING LOTON

LOOK! FLASH'S RIFLE!
DALE AND PRINCESS LITA START OUT IN SEARCH OF FLASH


WHILE LOTON, RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE, INNOCENTLY LEADS THE APE-MEN TOWARD THEM
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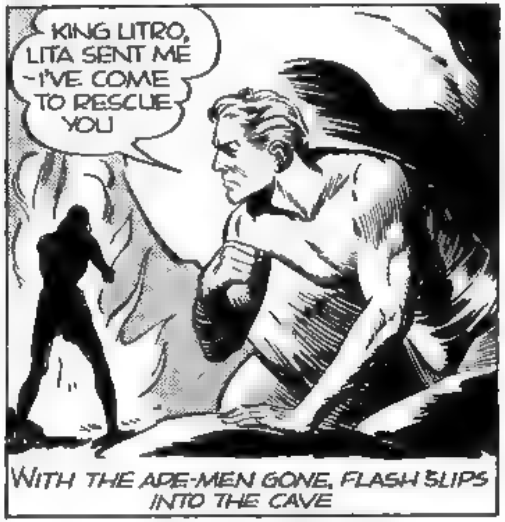
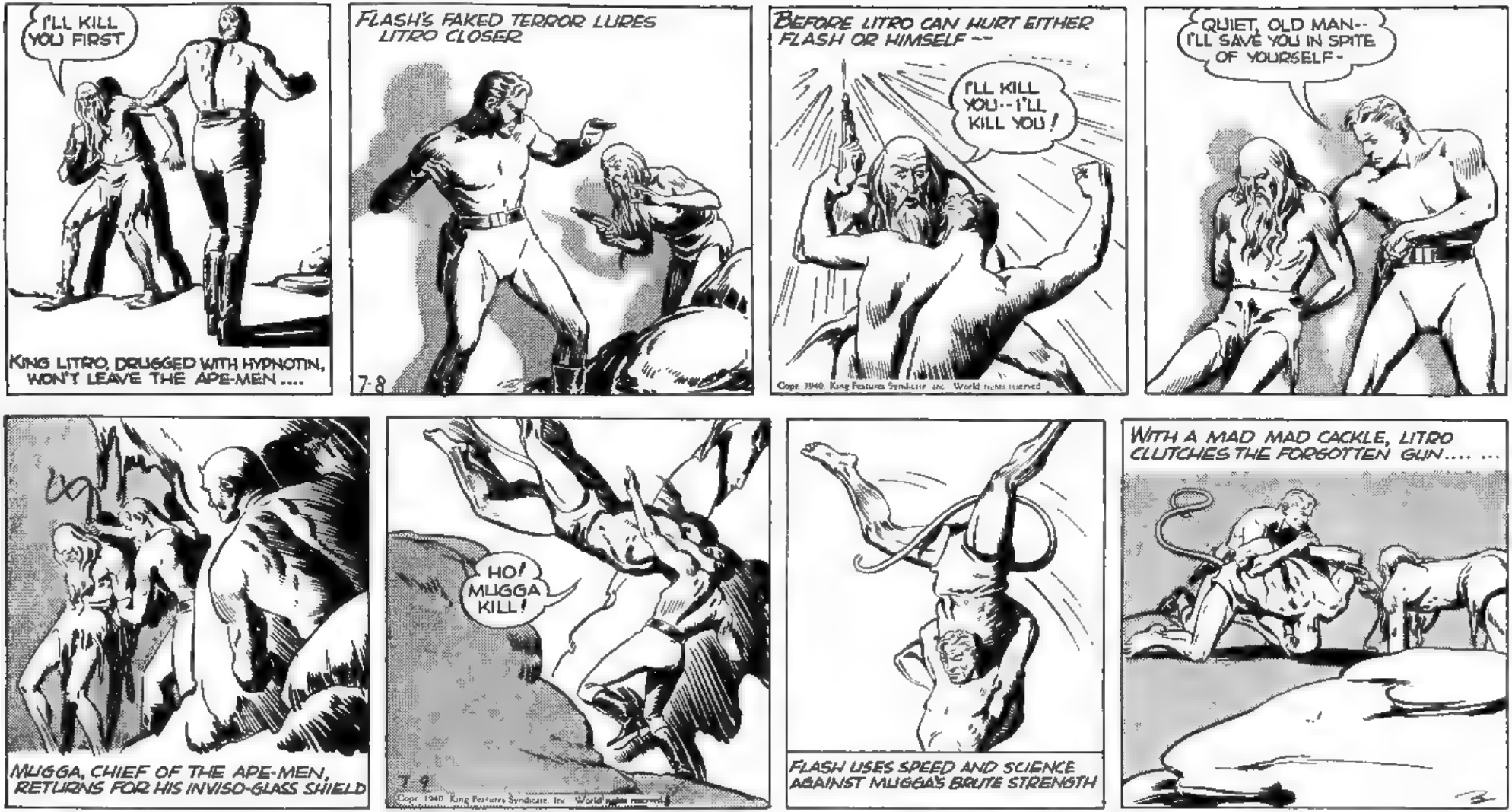

KING LITRO, LITA SENT ME ~I'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU
WITH THE APE-MEN GONE, FLASH SLIPS INTO THE CAVE

BUT LITRO, DRUGGED WITH HYPNOTIN, PULLS OUT A RAY-GUN
HANDS UP! I'VE CAUGHT YOU!
7-6


I'LL KILL YOU FIRST
KING LITRO, DRUGGED WITH HYPNOTIN, WON'T LEAVE THE APE-MEN....
FLASH'S FAKED TERROR LURES LITRO CLOSER
7-8
BEFORE LITRO CAN HURT EITHER FLASH OR HIMSELF --
I'LL KILL YOU--I'LL KILL YOU!
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QUIET, OLD MAN-- I'LL SAVE YOU IN SPITE OF YOURSELF-
MUGGA, CHIEF OF THE APE-MEN, RETURNS FOR HIS INVISO-GLASS SHIELD
HO! MUGGA KILL!
7-9
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FLASH USES SPEED AND SCIENCE AGAINST MUGGA'S BRUTE STRENGTH
WITH A MAD MAD CACKLE, LITRO CLUTCHES THE FORGOTTEN GUN.... ...

A SIXTH SENSE WARNS FLASH OF LITRO'S GUN...
HERE'S YOUR LITTLE PLAY-MATE!
EASY, NOW--I'M TAKING YOU BACK TO YOUR DAUGHTER, LITA
YOU HERE? RUN!
LOTON STAGGERS UP ONE JUMP AHEAD OF THE APE-MEN
THEY'VE CAUGHT FLASH-WE'LL FIGHT!
THE APE-MEN CHARGE, SAFE BEHIND THEIR INVISO-GLASS SHIELDS
7 11

HIDDEN BEHIND INVISO-GLASS SCREENS WHICH SPOIL THEIR VICTIM'S AIM, THE APE-MEN CLOSE IN
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FROM THEIR HIDING-PLACES, FLASH AND LITRO SEE THE RETURNING APE-MEN AND THEIR CAPTIVES
7-12
GO TRICK THEM SOMEHOW
AS THE APE-MEN APPROACH WITH THEIR CAPTIVES, FLASH GAMBLES THAT LITRO'S FATHER-LOVE WILL OVERCOME THE DRUG
HO! YOU GOT AWAY?
BUT HYPNOTIN-DRUGGED LITRO DOUBLE-CROSSES FLASH
FLASH IS HIDING THERE!
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GO GET HIM!
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LITRO BETRAYS FLASH'S HIDING-PLACE TO THE APE-MEN
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FLASH WHIRLS AND DASHES AWAY, HIS ONLY THOUGHT TO LEAD THE APE-MEN AWAY FROM DALE!
7-15
HE EVADES HIS PURSUERS AND CIRCLES BACK
UGH--ME KILL!
ALL RIGHT-- COME AND GET ME!
FLASH DARES NOT SHOOT—HE MIGHT HIT THE GIRLS BEHIND THE INVISO-GLASS SCREEN!
THE BRUTAL APE-MAN FLINGS HIS CAPTIVES ASIDE
7-16
--AND WITH A ROAR, CHARGES FLASH!
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MUGGA, BEHIND HIS INVISO-GLASS SCREEN, IS OUT OF FLASH'S LINE OF FIRE

MUGGA LEAPS ON FLASH, FAR FROM WHERE HE SEEMS TO BE
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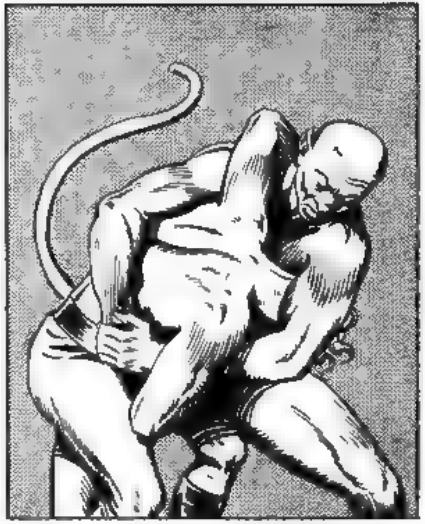

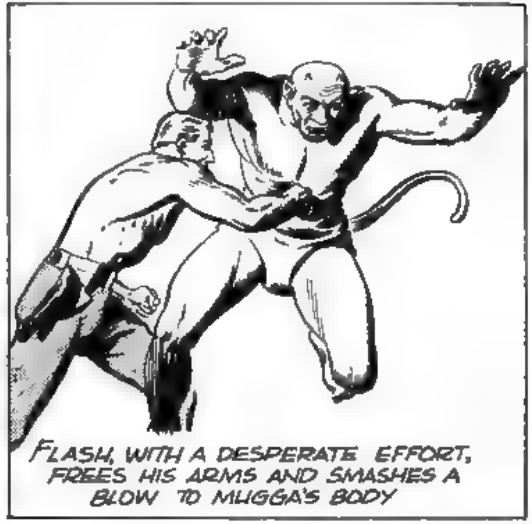
FLASH, WITH A DESPERATE EFFORT, FREES HIS ARMS AND SMASHES A BLOW TO MUGGA'S BODY

FLASH PILE-DRIVES TO MUGGA'S MIDRIFF!

DALE, COMING TO, SEES LITRO AIM AT FLASH --
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LOOK OUT, FLASH!

FLASH LIFTS MUGGA HIGH IN THE AIR -- AND SMASHES HIM AGAINST A ROCK

OH, FATHER!
HE'S DRUGGED-WE'LL GET HIM HOME AND TREAT HIM--
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WHY DID YOU TAKE SUCH RISKS, DARLING?
FOR YOU, FLASH!
THE APE-MEN ARE AFTER US!
WE'LL SET A TRAP FOR THEM
THEY WON'T FOLLOW US ANY MORE
WELCOME HOME, KING LITRO-WE'LL TRY TO STEAM THE DRUG OUT OF YOU NOW-
TAKE YOUR ANTIDOTE, LIKE A GOOD BOY--
THE DRASTIC CURE BRINGS THE KING BACK TO SANITY
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
NOT THAT WAY, PLEASE!
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7-20
A SUDDEN ROAR OF ROCKETS STARTLES THE VALLEY-- MING'S AIR-FLEET!!

IT'S MING'S AIR FLEET HUNTING ME!
QUICK-- LET'S HIDE!
DON'T WORRY, DALE - THEY CAN'T SEE THROUGH THE VALLEY'S ONE-WAY RAY SCREEN ROOF
722
MING LOOKS DOWN ON WHAT SEEMS LIKE A DESERT PLAIN--- SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS
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MING COMMANDS RUTHLESSLY: "DROP A BOMB AND SEE IF ANYTHING STIRS"
FLASH, SEEING THE BOMB, CRIES, "ALL DOWN"- BUT LOTON, THE WOODSMAN, ONLY GAPES.
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YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, MING!

MING'S BOMB VANISHES, THEN SMOKE RISES MINUTES LATER ..
MING IS PUZZLED
ORDER ROCKET 977 TO LAND AND EXPLORE !
724
FLASH HOPES MING WILL BE FOOLED BY THE VALLEY'S RAY-SCREEN CAMOUFLAGE
STEADY LITA WE'RE NOT LICKED YET
725
A ROCKET DIVES THROUGH THE VALLEY'S CAMOUFLAGED RAY-SCREEN ROOF
THE PILOT, CONFUSED BY THE RAY-SCREEN'S ILLUSION, LOSES CONTROL AND CRASHES ~
O, SKY-GODS, BE KIND-
FLASH TRICKS THEM BY SEEMING TO BE IGNORANTLY AWED BY THE ROCKET

FLASH CATCHES MING'S ROCKET PILOTS OFF GUARD-
WHERE ARE WE, ANYWAY ?
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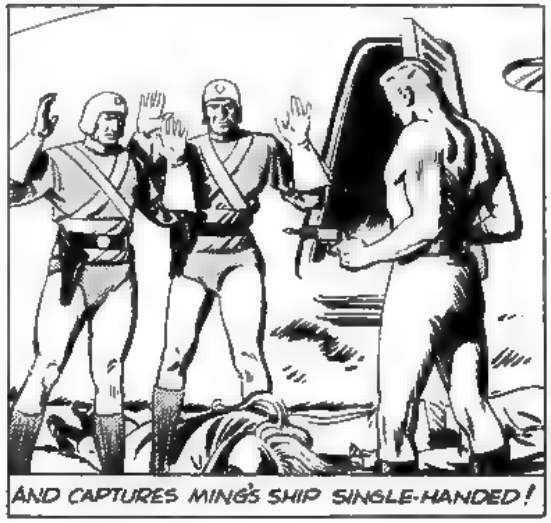
AND CAPTURES MING'S SHIP SINGLE-HANDED!

YES, MING ORDERED ME TO SEARCH HERE
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OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO TAKE THE ROCKET BACK AND FOOL MING

I'LL TELL MING'S PATROL THIS PLACE IS A SEA OF MUD
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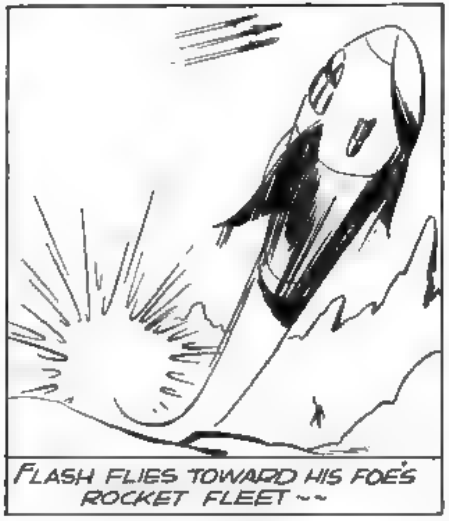
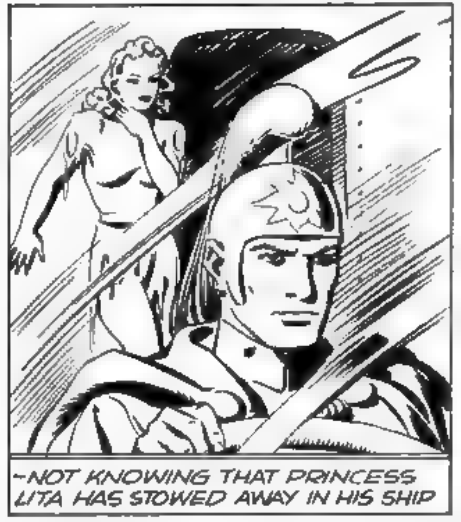
LET ME GO WITH YOU, DEAR
NO, I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE IN A THOUSAND


FLASH FLIES TOWARD HIS FOE'S ROCKET FLEET ~~


~NOT KNOWING THAT PRINCESS LITA HAS STOWED AWAY IN HIS SHIP

WHY DID YOU COME? IT'S TOO RISKY!
PRINCESS LITA STOWS AWAY IN FLASH'S ROCKET~~~
LET ME HELP YOU! AFTER WHAT YOU DID FOR MY FATHER, MY LIFE IS YOURS~
738
KEEP DOWN, GIRL~~ MING'S PILOTS MUST NOT SEE YOU!
AS FLASH FALLS IN LINE WITH MING'S PATROL~~
ROCKET 977~~ REPORT TO MING!
ROCKET 977 REPORTING—LANDED IN SEA OF QUICKSAND MUD~~ FINALLY BLASTED FREE!
SOMETHING QUEER~~ HELLO, 977~~ CAPTAIN AND CREW REPORT TO ME AT ONCE WHEN WE LAND!
WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY~ I PLANNED A FAKE CRASH, BUT I CAN'T, WITH YOU HERE
739
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, FLASH? I'LL TAKE ANY RISK YOU DO~

A SUDDEN ELECTRIC STORM SWEEPS THE ROCKET FLEET—MING ORDERS ALL ROCKETS TO RISE TO 50,000 FEET!
FLASH INSTANTLY DIVES INTO THE STORM
HOLD TIGHT, LITA - HERE WE GO!
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7-31
BUT THE ROCKET ATTRACTS A FATAL BOLT
FLASH FIGHTS TO CONTROL HIS LIGHTNING-BLASTED ROCKET~
HIS SKILL LANDS THEM SAFELY~~ BUT A LAST MINUTE LURCH KNOCKS HIM OUT!
8-1
FLASH--OH, MY DARLING--YOU MUST LIVE!
COMING TO, FLASH THINKS LITA IS DALE FOR A MOMENT
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, DEAREST

DAZED IN THE CRASH LANDING, FLASH KISSES PRINCESS LITA, THINKING SHE'S DALE
OH, FLASH, I LOVE YOU SO!
TO EXPLAIN MIGHT MAKE HER HYSTERICAL
HURRY, LITA-- WE'RE NOT SAFE HERE
CAN'T THE ROCKET FLY AGAIN?
IT CAN, BUT IT WON'T- WATCH-- MING'S ROCKETS WILL SEARCH FOR 977 AFTER THE STORM- THEY MUST BELIEVE IT BURNED, WITH ALL ITS CREW!
8-2
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A GOOD END FOR ONE OF MING'S ROCKET BOMBERS
DO YOU KNOW THE WAY BACK TO YOUR VALLEY?
NO, BUT I DON'T CARE WHERE I GO-- IF IT'S WITH YOU!
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FLASH FINDS THEY ARE IN A TRACKLESS, LIFELESS DESERT!

MING LOCATES HIS WRECKED ROCKET 977

NO BODIES-THE CREW ESCAPED SIRE
THEY WOULD HAVE WAITED HERE--- I WONDER-
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FLASH'S SCHEME FAILS TO FOOL MING
FLASH GORDON IS NEAR-BOMB EVERYTHING THAT MOVES!

STAY HIDDEN, LITA- MING'S SEARCHING FOR HIS CREW
8-5

DALE, IN THE HIDDEN VALLEY, WORRIES ABOUT FLASH
HE'D BE BACK NOW, UNLESS SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED, KING LITRO

PRINCESS LITA IS GONE! SHE WAS LAST SEEN GETTING IN FLASH'S ROCKET!
SHE WOULD! SHE IS CRAZY ABOUT HIM!
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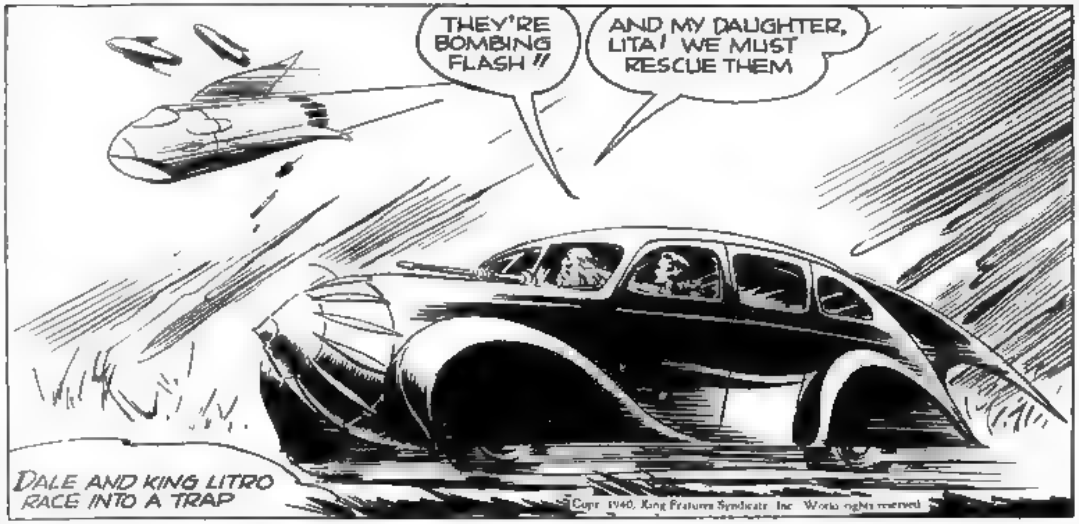
DALE SETS OUT TO RESCUE FLASH FROM MING-OR LITA

WHILE MING'S ROCKETS BOMB EVERY LIVING THING IN SIGHT


THEY'RE BOMBING FLASH!!
AND MY DAUGHTER, LITA! WE MUST RESCUE THEM
DALE AND KING LITRO RACE INTO A TRAP
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RUN! GET AWAY I CAN'T STAND THIS!
STEADY! ACT LIKE A PRINCESS, LITA-THEY'RE SHOOTING BLIND-UNLESS WE MOVE AND GET SPOTTED
8-7

IT'S NOT FLASH. IT'S A GIRL
MING SAID BOMB EVERYTHING!
MING'S BOMBERS SPOT DALE AND LITRO

THE BOMB BLAST BARELY MISSES THEM
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DALE RACES DESPERATELY FOR THE SHELTER OF THE WOODS

8-8
DISASTER STRIKES JUST AS THEY NEAR SAFETY ~~

MING'S ROCKET-BOMBER HITS DALE'S CAR....

EVEN IN UTTER PERIL DALE THINKS OF OTHERS~~
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~~AND SO DOES FLASH
COME, LITA BE BRAVE, I PROMISE I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE
8-9

GO AWAY! YOU DON'T LOVE ME! LET ME DIE!
COME ON! SNAP OUT OF IT! THE FOREST IS ON FIRE!
LITRA BREAKS UNDER THE STRAIN OF BEING BOMBED
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FLASH TRIES TO CALM THE HYSTERICAL GIRL
OF COURSE, I LOVE YOU, LITA NOW, COME ON!
8/10

DALE, HELPING LITRO FLEE THE BOMBERS, BURSTS ON THE SCENE
OH, FLASH! HOW COULD YOU?

FLASH CAN'T EXPLAIN HE WAS JUST CALMING LITA'S HYSTERICS....
FATHER!
8-12

DALE DEAR--I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
HOW DARE YOU! GO BACK TO YOUR LITA!
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HAVING NO TIME FOR JEALOUS ARGUMENTS, FLASH TRIES TO SAVE THEM FROM THE BOMBED AND BLAZING FOREST

FLASH LEADS THE WAY DOWN A NARROWING TRAIL BETWEEN BURNING TREES

A FIERY FOREST GIANT FALLS, CUTTING OFF THEIR ESCAPE ~~

I STILL WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR FLIRTING WITH LITA!
FLASH HEAVES THE BURNING TRUNK HIGH ENOUGH FOR THE OTHERS TO CRAWL UNDER.
8-13

MING'S BOMBERS RING THE FORGST WITH FIRE TO TRAP FLASH
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THOSE BOMBS CUT US OFF~OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RUN TO OUR ROCKET-CAR!
LOOK! FATHER!
I'LL SAVE HIM, LITA~ COME ON, DALE
8-14
FLASH, CARRYING EXHAUSTED, OLD LITRO, SPURS THE GIRLS ON, IN THE ONLY WAY HE CAN~~
DON'T BE A QUITTER, DALE~ LITA CAN TAKE IT!
LET GO! I HATE YOU~~AND YOUR LITA!
OH, THANK TAO~ THE CAR!
FLASH UPROOTS A SMALL TREE WHICH HE USES AS A LEVER TO RIGHT THE OVER-TURNED ROCKET-CAR.
8-15

TRAPPED IN THE BLAZING FOREST, FLASH FINDS THAT THE WRECKED ROCKET-CAR WON'T START
THE ROCKET'S EMPTY-I'LL TRY THE ATOM-LOAD OF THIS RAY-GUN
8-16
TURN AROUND-YOU'RE HEADING INTO THE FIRE!
I KNOW--THAT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
OUT IN THE OPEN, MING'S BOMBERS WOULD SPOT US-I'D PREFER A FOREST FIRE ANY TIME!
MING ORDERS HIS BOMBERS:
CIRCLE THE EDGE OF THE FOREST AND BOMB ANYTHING YOU SEE TRYING TO ESCAPE
SO, FLASH GORDON, WE'LL EITHER BE BURNED TO DEATH OR BOMBED TO DEATH?
ONE DANGER AT A TIME PLEASE, DALE.
WE'RE OUT OF THE FIRE-
THIS SMOKE IS AWFUL!
WE'RE DOWN-WIND FROM THE FIRE--THIS IS OUR SMOKE-SCREEN TO ESCAPE FROM MING!
8-17

I'M CHOKING IN THIS SMOKE!
IT SMELLS GOOD TO ME....IT HIDES US FROM MING!
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THROUGH THINNING SMOKE THEY REACH A RIVER, FAR FROM THE FOREST FIRE
LOOK OUT! WE'LL DROWN!
THESE ROCKET-CARS ARE GOOD SEA FARING CRAFT
8-19
FLASH! LOOK OUT-
A MAN-EATING OCTOCLAW SWIMS TOWARD FLASH'S ROCKET-CAR
WHAT'S THE MATTER? THIS PISTOL WON'T FIRE!
8-20
HURLING THE USELESS RAY-PISTOL, FLASH SPEEDS UP TO SAVE DALE AND LITA...
...BUT THE MONSTER'S TENTACLES CLUTCH THE FLEEING ROCKET-CAR!
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FLASH BATTLES THE MAN-EATING OCTOCLAW
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A TENTACLE SEIZES PRINCESS LITA, AS EASIER PREY, BUT ~~~
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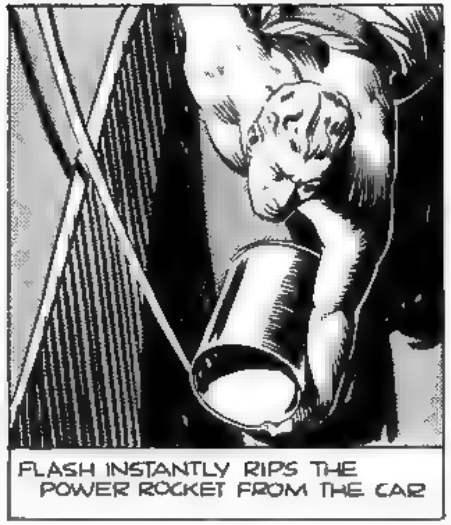
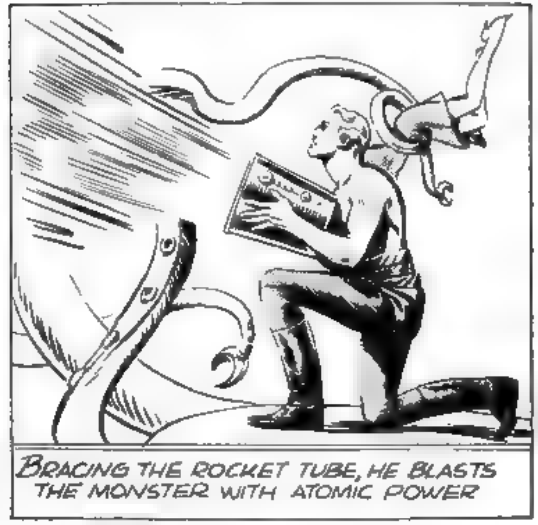

FLASH INSTANTLY RIPS THE POWER ROCKET FROM THE CAR


BRACING THE ROCKET TUBE, HE BLASTS THE MONSTER WITH ATOMIC POWER

THE OCTOCLAW STILL CLUTCHES PRINCESS LITA IN ITS DEATH THROES

FLASH DIVES TO THE RESCUE
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..HE CUTS LITA FREE FROM THE DYING MONSTER'S TENTACLES...

....AND STRIKES OUT POWERFULLY FOR THE DRIFTING ROCKET-CAR

SAFE IN THE ROCKET-CAR, LITA FAINTS IN RELIEF....
COMING TO, SHE MURMURS:
OH, FLASH, DEAR, I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
POOR GIRL, SHE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT
DON'T TALK TO ME, YOU TWO-TIMER! SAVE YOUR EFFORTS FOR LITA!
HANG ALL JEALOUS WOMEN, ANYWAY! AS IF I HAVEN'T ENOUGH TO DO, STEERING THIS DRIFTING ROCKET-CAR
LOOK! RAPIDS AHEAD!
HOLD FAST, EVERYBODY
FLASH'S STRENGTH AND SKILL BRING THE DRIFTING CRAFT SAFELY THROUGH THE ROCKY GORGE
HERE'S A NEW LAND! HOPE IT'LL PROVE A LUCKY ONE FOR US
8-13
8-14

A FINE, NEW COUNTRY, JUST WAITING FOR US
IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE, FATHER!
LOOK--THAT BIG BIRD--IT LOOKS ALMOST HUMAN--
OH--THIS MUST BE THE LAND OF THE BIRD-MEN!
IT'S A BIRD-MAN ALL RIGHT--AND WE HAVE NO WEAPONS!
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8-26
WHAT'LL WE DO?
WE'LL SEE IF HE WANTS WAR OR PEACE
A BIRD-MAN SPIES THE NEWCOMERS AND SWOOPS DOWN
FLASH ADVANCES, AS THE BIRD-MAN ALIGHTS
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FLASH EXTENDS THE UNIVERSAL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP--
I'M FLASH GORDON, FRIEND
I'M HAWKON--CHIEF BIRD-MAN
8-27

MAYBE IT'S A TRAP, BUT WE HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE - WE HAVE NO WEAPONS--
HAWKON LEADS FLASH INTO THE LAND OF THE BIRD-MEN
I TRUST HAWKON, HE LOOKS NICE
THANK YOU!
WE HAVE A NEST IN THIS TREE
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AFTER YOU, DALE--
WE USE THIS LADDER UP TO OUR NEST WHEN A BIRD-MAN'S GLIDER IS DAMAGED - ORDINARILY, WE GLIDE HOME
SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT LIFE!
OH, FLASH! WE'RE SO HIGH I'M DIZZY!
DON'T WORRY, LITA, I'M RIGHT HERE - LOOK UP, NOT DOWN
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WILL YOU TWO QUIT FLIRTING AND COME ON?
CAREFUL, LITA
8-26
HELLO, MY PRETTY LITTLE BIRD!
THE ROPE LADDER LEADS TO A NEST OF THE BIRD MEN

LET ME GO, PLEASE!
A KISS FOR VULTOR, MY LITTLE BIRD?
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF DALE, FELLOW!
8-30
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!
DROP THAT GUN, VULTOR! THEY ARE MY GUESTS
HAWKON WELCOMES YOU TO HIS FRONTIER NEST
HAWKON SHOWS FLASH AND DALE "THE NEST," AN OUTPOST OF THE BIRD-MEN'S KINGDOM
IT'S LOVELY HERE- HOW INTERESTING! YOU CAN TAKE OFF YOUR GLIDER OUTFIT?
8-31
YES, DALE- WE'LL FIT YOU WITH GLIDERS IF YOU STAY HERE
OH, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'D DARE TO FLY-
HELP! HAWKON-MING'S BOMBERS ARE ATTACKING US!

FLASH GORDON DIED IN THE BURNING FOREST, YOUR MAJESTY
HA! REVENGE AT LAST!
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LOOK-- A BULLET CAR!
FLASH'S CAR! HE ESCAPED THE FIRE!
A BIRD-MAN! FLASH MAY BE HIDING WITH THOSE REBELS
MING'S DIVE-BOMBERS SWOOP DOWN ON THE BIRD-MEN'S HOME
HELP! MING WILL BLOW US UP!
GET UP, VULTOR! HAWKON, LET'S FIGHT BACK!
WEAR MY GLIDER UNIFORM AS CHIEF OF THE BIRD-MEN, FLASH!
A BOMB SHAKES THE GIANT TREE
STEADY, LITA- WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU
ARE YOU HURT, DALE?
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MING'S BOMBS WHIP THE HUGE TREE LIKE A HURRICANE
WE'LL TRY TO DRIVE THE BOMBERS AWAY WITH OUR ATOM RIFLES
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WATCH ME, FLASH. IT'S LIKE SAILING A GLIDER
IF IT DOESN'T WORK, DO I GET MY MONEY BACK, HAWKON?
9-4

BY TAO! YOU'RE PICKING IT UP FAST!
SAY, THIS IS GRAND!

I'LL SHOOT THEM DOWN, MYSELF!
MING'S PILOT SPIES THE TWO BIRD-MEN

FLASH GOES FORTH IN A BIRD-MAN'S GLIDER TO BATTLE MING'S ROCKET BOMBERS
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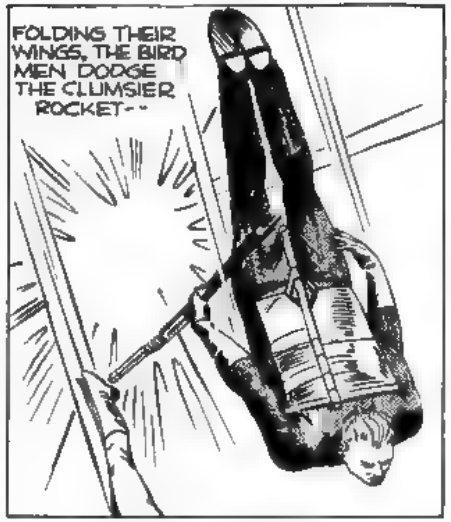
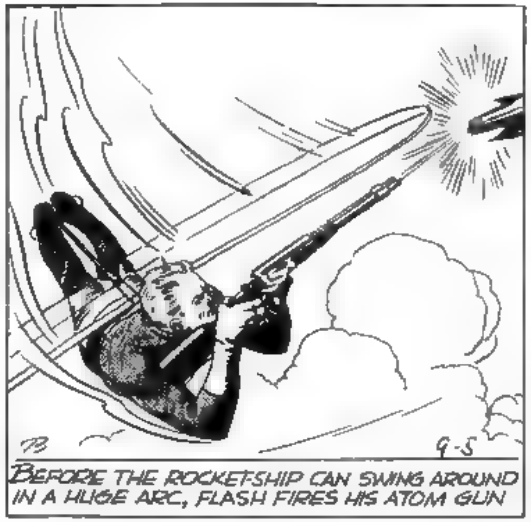

FOLDING THEIR WINGS, THE BIRD MEN DODGE THE CLUMSIER ROCKET--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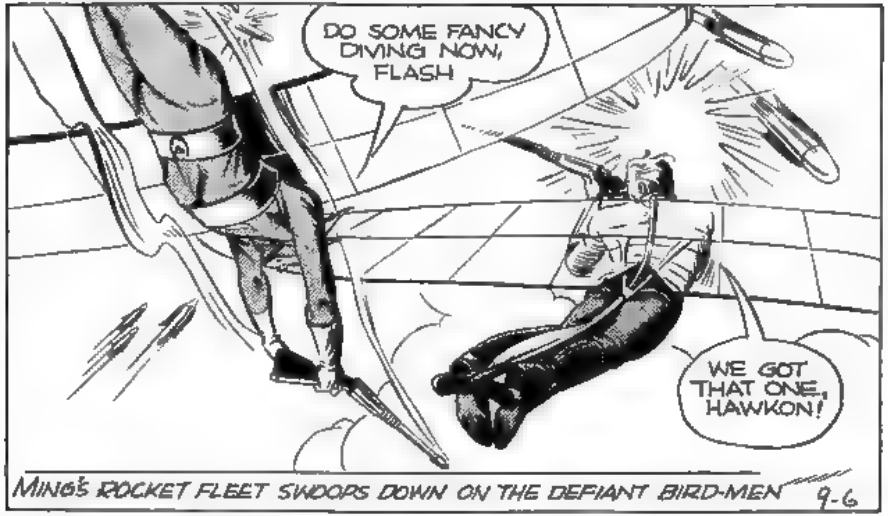
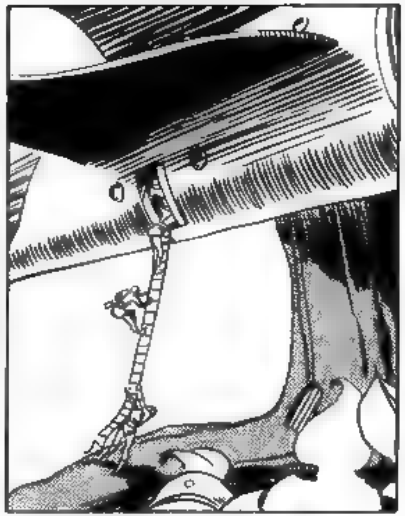
BEFORE THE ROCKETSHIP CAN SWING AROUND IN A HUGE ARC, FLASH FIRES HIS ATOM GUN

MING ROCKETS AWAY IN HIS DAMAGED SHIP
ALL ROCKETS--ATTACK FLASH GORDON AND COVER MY RETREAT!



MING'S ROCKET FLEET SWOOPS DOWN ON THE DEFIANT BIRD-MEN 9-6

MEANTIME, MING'S CRIPPLED ROCKET HOVERS BESIDE THE BIRD-MEN'S UNGUARDED HOME



MING'S SOLDIERS BURST THROUGH THE DOOR

FLASH AND THE BIRD-MAN, HAWKON, FIGHT OFF MING'S ROCKET-SHIPS
BY TAO'S EARS, SOMETHING'S WRONG!
MING'S BEEN HERE. MAY TAO BLAST HIM!
LITRO'S DEAD WHERE'S DALE ... AND LITA ?
HELP ME!
A GIRL'S VOICE! IS THAT YOU, DALE?
QUICK--I CAN'T HOLD ON
PRINCESS LITA!
HOLD ON A MINUTE LONGER, LITA... I'LL SAVE YOU!
FLASH FINDS THE HELPLESS PRINCESS OUT OF REACH
FLASH! I'M SLIPPING.
GOOD-BYE, FLASH-DEAR
FLASH SWINGS RECKLESSLY ON HIS FLYING TRAPEZE
9-10
HE DIVES TO CATCH LITA IN MID-AIR-
NOW WHAT? THIS GLIDER WON'T CARRY TWO

FLASH CATCHES THE FALLING PRINCESS LITA ....BUT HIS GLIDER WON'T SUPPORT TWO
IT'S WORTH DYING, TO BE IN YOUR ARMS

HE MANAGES TO SWOOP TOWARD THE ROPE LADDER
9-11

BY TAO'S EYES, THAT WAS THE BRAVEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!
WE HAD TO SAVE HER, HAWKON

MING CAPTURED DALE I JUMPED TO GET AWAY
I'LL FOLLOW HIM RIGHT INTO HIS PALACE!

COME ALONG, DALE. I'M GIVING THE ORDERS HERE
MING, THE MERCILESS, LANDS OUTSIDE HIS PALACE

MING ORDERS DALE PUT UNDER VERI-GAS, THE TRUTH-TELLING DRUG!
9-12

IS FLASH GORDON REALLY STILL ALIVE?
YES, HE'S WITH HAWKON, THE BIRD-MAN---- OH, WHAT AM I SAYING?

FLEET COMMANDERS..TURN OUT MY ENTIRE AIR FORCE! DESTROY ALL BIRD-MEN--AND KILL FLASH GORDON!

WHAT ARE THOSE, HAWKON?
ATOM-MOTORS WE USE THEM ON LONG TRIPS WHERE OUR GLIDERS MAY RUN OUT OF UP-DRAFTS
GIVE ME ONE! I'M GOING AFTER MING, TOO—HE KILLED MY FATHER.
WELL, I GUESS WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE
HURRY! I MUST GET DALE OUT OF MING'S POWER.
LOOK! MING'S WHOLE AIR FLEET!
9-13
QUICK- DIVE INTO THIS CLOUD BEFORE MING'S ROCKET SHIPS SEE US!
DOWN, LITA A ROCKET SHIP!
WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL
WHAT CAN TWO MEN AND A GIRL DO AGAINST MING'S ARMED MIGHT?
I'M BETTING ON FLASH
9-14

LOOK-THE CITY LIGHTS OF MINGO!
DALE'S DOWN THERE SOMEWHERE, IN MING'S POWER- HURRY!
WATCH OUT FOR MING'S ROCKET-DETECTORS- SHUT OFF YOUR ATOM-MOTORS AND GLIDE IN!
9/16
FLASH FINDS A LONELY PARK FOR THEIR SILENT LANDING
A FREEMAN NAMED KORAL LIVES HERE-- UNLESS MING HAS CAUGHT HIM
A MAN SHIVERS AT A KNOCK IN THE NIGHT- IS IT MING'S SECRET POLICE ???
VULTUR! HOW DID YOU GET HERE ?
I GOT AWAY FROM MING--- TOOK REFUGE WITH THE FREEMAN, KORAL!
WHERE'S MY OLD FRIEND, KORAL ?
HE--WHY, HE'S OUT LOOKING FOR OTHER FREEMEN-
9/17
WHILE FLASH RESTS FROM HIS LONG FLIGHT, VULTUR SLIPS OUT INTO THE NIGHT
I MUST SEE MING AT ONCE--IT'S ABOUT FLASH GORDON!

WHERE ARE THE OTHER FREEMEN, KORAL? VERI-GAS WILL MAKE YOU TALK, JUST LIKE DALE
I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS REVEAL-ING YOUR HIDE-OUT, KORAL
VULTUR WANTS TO SEE ME? SEND HIM IN!
YOU WERE WISE TO LEAVE ME IN KORAL'S HOUSE, O MIGHTY MING- FLASH IS THERE, NOW!
YOU FOUL TRAITOR!
HERE ARE A HUNDRED MINGOLS - MORE WHEN WE CATCH HIM - YOU STAY WITH FLASH WHILE WE SURROUND THE HOUSE
FLASH, I'M WORRIED - I DON'T LIKE OUR FINDING VULTUR HERE
I DON'T TRUST HIM, EITHER, LITA
THEY GO TO QUESTION VULTUR AND FIND HIM MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING
AS VULTUR SLIPS BACK FROM HIS TREACHEROUS TRIP TO MING..
VULTUR! IS IT YOU? WHERE WERE YOU?
UH SCOUTING AROUND... THINK I WAS FOLLOWED

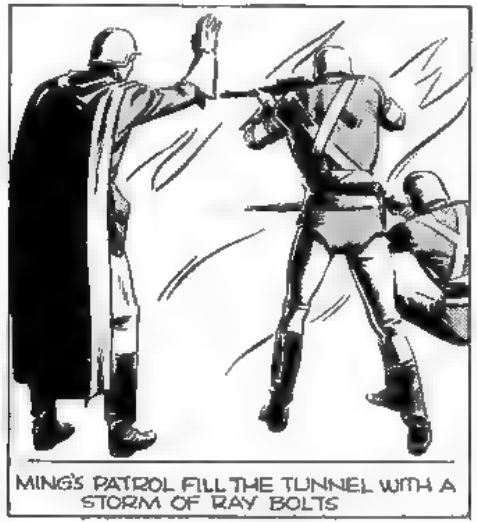
TERRIFIED, THE TRAITOR VULTUR BLURTS OUT THAT HE WAS FOLLOWED
I'M LOYAL TO YOU, FLASH.
THE HOUSE IS BEING SURROUNDED!
MING'S SECRET POLICE DON'T KNOW ALL OUR FREEMEN'S TRICKS
9-20
LEAD ON, VULTUR WHETHER YOU'RE LOYAL OR NOT- AND THE FIRST SOUND WILL BE YOUR LAST!
HURRY, LITA- MING'S SECRET POLICE WILL BREAK IN ANY MINUTE
FLASH LETS THE RAY STOVE FIT BACK INTO PLACE OVER THE SECRET PASSAGE
IF VULTUR DOUBLE-CROSSED US--
BUT THAT GREEDY, QUICK THINKING TRAITOR LEFT A CLUE..
MING'S SECRET POLICE FIND THEIR QUARRY GONE
SOMETHING'S CAUGHT UNDER HERE RIP OUT THE RAY STOVE AND SEE WHAT'S UNDER-NEATH!
9 21

MING'S SECRET POLICE SPOT FLASH'S GETAWAY TRAP DOOR
9 23

HURRY, VULTUR, QUIT STALLING! I SWEAR YOURE ACTING LIKE A TRAITOR!
OH, NO, FLASH-

HALT AND SURRENDER IN THE NAME OF EMPEROR MING!
COME AND GET ME!-- GO ON, LITA, I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

SINGLE-HANDED, FLASH STANDS OFF MING'S SECRET POLICE. TO LET LITA AND VULTUR ESCAPE


MING'S PATROL FILL THE TUNNEL WITH A STORM OF RAY BOLTS

AS MING'S RUTHLESS OFFICER HOPED, A GLANCING SPLINTER OF ROCK HITS FLASH

YOU FIENDS! YOU'VE KILLED FLASH!
9 24
BUT LOYAL LITA RETURNS TO BE WITH FLASH-

LITA, STANDING GUARD OVER FLASH'S BODY, FINDS SHE HAS ONLY ONE RAY BOLT LEFT--
9-25

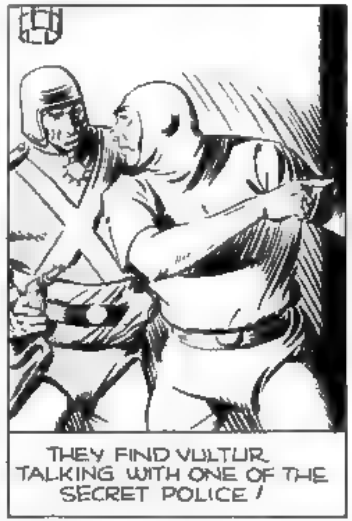
SHE FIRES AT THE ROOF, WILLING TO DIE WITH FLASH

WITH THE TUNNEL BLOCKED, LITA TRIES TO REVIVE FLASH----

OH, FLASH, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!

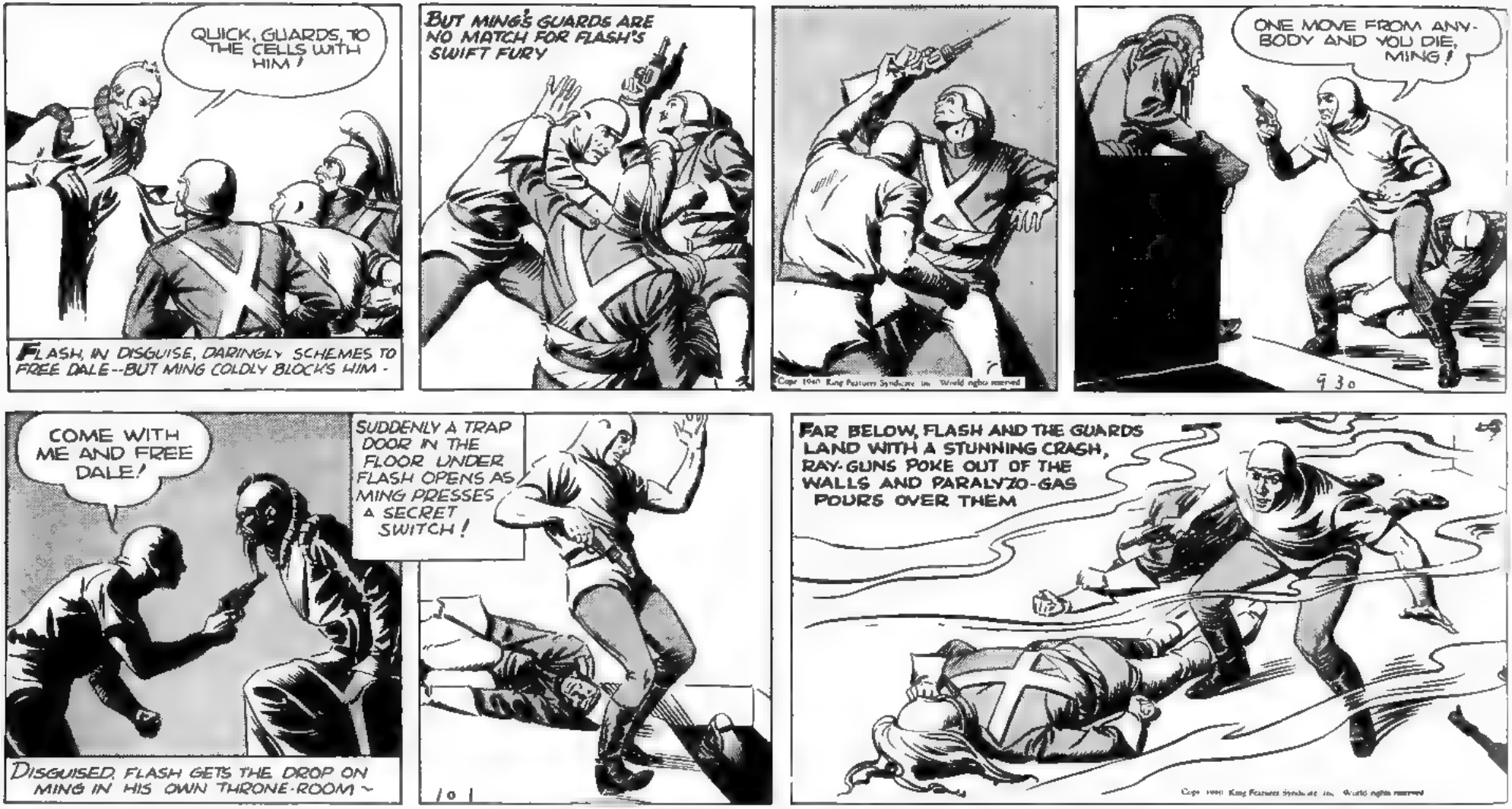
LET'S NOT WASTE TIME WITH THIS SCRATCH-I MUST GET YOU OUT OF HERE
9-26

WE MUST HURRY AND FIND VULTUR


THEY FIND VULTUR TALKING WITH ONE OF THE SECRET POLICE!

THANK TAO, FLASH, YOU'VE RESCUED ME!
FLASH'S SUPERB SPEED AND AIM DEFEAT MING'S GUARD IN THE GUN-DUEL

DON'T LIE TO ME, VULTUR -- YOU WERE BETRAYING US TO MING'S SECRET POLICE!
NO, NO, FLASH- I SWEAR I'M LOYAL TO YOU!
I CAN'T RISK TURNING YOU LOOSE, AND I'M NOT SURE ENOUGH, TO PUNISH YOU AS A TRAITOR-
9.27
TRAITOR OR NOT, I CAN USE YOU - I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE, VULTUR
IT NEEDN'T BE TOO GOOD A LIKENESS, LITA - IF MING'S EVER SEEN VULTUR, IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN FOR A MINUTE
WHAT DO YOU WANT, FELLOW?
HASTILY DISGUISED AS THE TRAITOR, VULTUR, FLASH FURTIVELY SEEKS MING'S PALACE
I HAVE A SURE SCHEME TO CATCH FLASH
AS FLASH SUSPECTED, THE NAME "VULTUR" GETS HIM STRAIGHT TO MING
YOU HAVE FLASH'S SWEETHEART, DALE, A PRISONER - LET ME TAKE HER TO A FREEMAN'S HIDE-OUT WHILE YOU SURROUND THE TRAP
NO MORE OF YOUR CRACK-POT SCHEMES! GUARDS, THROW THIS BUNGLING TRAITOR INTO A DUNGEON CELL!
9-28


QUICK, GUARDS, TO THE CELLS WITH HIM!
FLASH, IN DISGUISE, DARINGLY SCHEMES TO FREE DALE--BUT MING COLDLY BLOCKS HIM -
BUT MING'S GUARDS ARE NO MATCH FOR FLASH'S SWIFT FURY
ONE MOVE FROM ANY-BODY AND YOU DIE, MING!
COME WITH ME AND FREE DALE!
SUDDENLY A TRAP DOOR IN THE FLOOR UNDER FLASH OPENS AS MING PRESSES A SECRET SWITCH!
DISGUISED, FLASH GETS THE DROP ON MING IN HIS OWN THRONE-ROOM ~
FAR BELOW, FLASH AND THE GUARDS LAND WITH A STUNNING CRASH, RAY-GUNS POKE OUT OF THE WALLS AND PARALYZO-GAS POURS OVER THEM

A STEELITE ROOF SLIDES SNUGLY OVER FLASH'S GAS FILLED PRISON PIT---
AGONIZED, FLASH CLAWS AT HIS DISGUISED FACE AND WITH HIS MAKE-UP GOES THE LAST VESTIGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
LATER
10-2
BY TAO! IT'S FLASH GORDON!
MING'S TRAP HAS CAUGHT FLASH GORDON
THAT WELDED STEELITE WILL HOLD EVEN FLASH GORDON, SIRE
FOOL! AN ARMY COULDN'T GET THROUGH THESE WALLS AND DOUBLE DOORS!
10-3
I'LL KEEP YOU HERE AS EXHIBIT "A" TO CURE YOUR FREEMEN OF HOPING FOR LIBERTY!

WE HAVE ANOTHER GUEST NOW, DALE - FLASH GORDON
NO! YOU'RE LYING TO TORTURE ME!
MING VISITS ANOTHER PRISONER
I'LL ENJOY PROVING TO YOU THAT FLASH IS MY PRISONER
10-4
AS MING ROUGHLY PUSHES DALE INTO THE CELL, FLASH'S SUDDEN FURY BURSTS HALF HIS CHAINS!
YOU BLACK-HEARTED DEVIL!
GUARDS SWARM OVER FLASH, AS MING CRIES: "DOUBLE THOSE CHAINS, YOU BUNGLING FOOLS!"
FLASH STRAINS VAINLY TO BREAK MING'S NEW BIRONZO-STEELITE CHAINS
POOR DALE - I CAN'T SAVE HER NOW -- SAY, THAT'S QUEER -- A RAT GNAWING THROUGH STONE?
10-5
ZARKOV! IT'S YOU -- MY OLD FRIEND!
FLASH! YOU HERE -- A PRISONER, TOO?

ZARKOV, THE SCIENTIST WHOSE ROCKET CARRIED FLASH FROM THE EARTH TO THE PLANET MUNGO, TUNNELS THROUGH MING'S PRISON WALLS
I WAS DISAPPOINTED AT FIRST THAT MY TUNNEL ONLY LED TO ANOTHER CELL, BUT WHEN I FOUND YOU--!
IT'LL TAKE TOOLS TO GET THESE WELDED BRONZO-STEELITE CHAINS OFF!
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QUICK, ZARKOV--BACK INTO YOUR TUNNEL! THE GUARDS ARE AT MY OUTSIDE DOOR!
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AS THE GUARDS UNLOCK FLASH'S DOUBLE DOORS, ZARKOV DESPERATELY PULLS THE STONE BACK TO HIDE HIS TUNNEL....
FLASH SEES THE TELL-TALE MORTAR DUST BELOW THE LOOSENED STONE..
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QUIET, YOU DOG, OR WE'LL TAKE YOUR FOOD AWAY!
FLASH RAGES AND YELLS TO KEEP THE GUARD'S ATTENTION FIXED ON HIM

FLASH, CHAINED IN MING'S DUNGEONS, HAS NO APPETITE, BUT HE EATS TO KEEP UP HIS STRENGTH
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AS THE GUARD'S EYES STRAY FOR A MOMENT, FLASH HURLS HIS EMPTY PLATE AT HIM
HEY!
10-9
QUICK--LET ME OUT OF HERE!
THE GUARD HASTILY BEATS A RETREAT FROM HIS CHAINED, UNARMED CAPTIVE
FLASH, WHO HAD BEEN TENSELY TRYING TO KEEP THE GUARD'S EYES OFF THE TRACES OF TUNNELING, SIGNALS TO ZARKOV, "OK."
YOU'RE A POOR HOUSE-KEEPER, ZARKOV-- THE GUARDS ALMOST NOTICED THAT STONE-DUST
AT FLASH'S "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL, ZARKOV PORS OUT OF HIS TUNNEL
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO HAVE VISITORS, FLASH?
THEY ARE TOO BUSY WORKING ON FLASH'S CHAINS TO HEAR THE GUARDS AT THE DOOR UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT
ZARKOV HASTILY FLATTENS HIMSELF BEHIND THE DOOR AS THE GUARDS MARCH IN····
10-10

A SURPRISE INSPECTION BY MING'S GUARDS CATCHES FLASH AND ZARKOV UNAWARES
A GUARD AIMS AT ZARKOV, BUT FLASH IS TOO QUICK FOR HIM!
10-11
FLASH DRAGS THE ARMED GUARD TOWARD HIM AND WITHIN REACH OF HIS UPPER-CUT!
HELP-- OH --UH
10-12
ZARKOV SMOTHERS THE LAST GUARD WITH A SPINE-CRACKING BEAR-HUG
HERE ARE THE CELL KEYS, FLASH!
NICE WORK, ZARKOV, BUT WE STILL HAVE THESE CHAINS TO WORRY ABOUT
THEN FLASH AND ZARKOV SEARCH THE HEAD JAILER FOR KEYS
HANDS UP-- BOTH OF YOU!
ONE GUARD RECOVERS TOO QUICKLY FROM THE GLANCING BLOW HE GOT!

LITA AND THE FREEMEN LISTEN TO MING'S LATEST THREATS "REBELS, SURRENDER! FLASH IS MY PRISONER, CHAINED IN MY DEEPEST DUNGEON"
10-14
"YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE HAWKON - LET ME TRY A WOMAN'S TRICKERY--"
AND FOR THE LOVE OF FLASH A PROUD PRINCESS BEGS FOR A JOB IN THE PRISON KITCHENS: "ALL RIGHT, MY PRETTY, YOU'LL DO," THE CHIEF COOK LAUGHS
DALE, HEARTBROKEN OVER FLASH'S CAPTURE, HARDLY NOTICES THE NEW SERVING GIRL UNTIL LITA SAYS: "DALE--DO YOU KNOW WHERE FLASH'S CELL IS?"
"SHH!-QUICK --WHERE'S FLASH?"
"WHY, LITA! HOW'D YOU GET HERE?!
10 15
BUT FLASH IS IN A DOUBLE LOCKED CELL WITH AN ARMED GUARD SHOUTING "HANDS UP! DON'T TRY FOR THAT GUN, ZARKOV-- I'LL SHOOT FLASH IF YOU MOVE!"

"THEY WON'T SUSPECT A KITCHEN MAID- I'D GIVE MY LIFE FOR FLASH!"
DALE TELLS THE DISGUISED LITA HOW TO FIND FLASH'S CELL "BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO?"
MEANWHILE, IN FLASH'S CELL
"DIVE FOR THE GUN," FLASH URGES, BUT ZARKOV SAYS. "NO, HE'D SHOOT YOU BEFORE I COULD STOP HIM"
"ONE MOVE AND I'LL KILL YOU BOTH"
AS THE GUARD BACKS UP TO THE WINDOW TO CALL FOR HELP, LITA TRIES A DESPERATE BLUFF. "DROP YOUR GUN OR I'LL SHOOT!"
10-16
UNARMED, LITA TRIES TO BLUFF THE GUARD WHO HAS TRAPPED FLASH AND ZARKOV. QUICK! I'LL SHOOT IF YOU DON'T DROP YOUR GUNS!"
10-17
ZARKOV RUNS TO PICK UP THE GUNS WHICH THE FRIGHTENED GUARD DROPS
THE STRAIN IS TOO MUCH FOR LITA-THE GUARD GASPS, "WHY, SHE DIDN'T HAVE A GUN!" BUT ZARKOV GRINS, "NO, BROTHER, BUT I HAVE TWO NOW, SO BE GOOD!"
"HURRY, ZARKOV-- GIVE ME A GUN AND THEN HELP THAT GIRL---" SHE'S FAINTED!"
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"I'LL WATCH THIS GUARD WHILE YOU UNLOCK THE DOOR, ZARKOV"
"RIGHT!"
"I THOUGHT IT WAS DALE WHO RESCUED US, FLASH. BUT IT ISN'T— WHO'S THIS GIRL?"
10-18
FLASH GRATEFULLY REVIVES THE OVER WROUGHT GIRL. "PRINCESS LITA, YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!"
SUDDENLY ZARKOV WHISPERS: "LISTEN! BY TAO, GUARDS ARE MARCHING TOWARD THIS CELL!"
MING SENDS A SQUAD OF ARMED GUARDS TO SEE WHY HIS JAILERS HAVEN'T RETURNED FROM FLASH'S CELL
MINGS GUARDS UNLOCK THE OUTER CELL DOOR-- TO MEET ZARKOV'S PARALYZING BLAST OF FIRE ~~~~
LITA RACES AGAINST TIME TO BLAST FLASH'S CHAINS FREE---

LITA BLASTS AWAY AT FLASH'S BRONZO-STEELITE CHAINS...

....WHILE ZARKOV CRIES DESPERATELY, "HURRY... I CAN'T HOLD MING'S TROOPS OFF MUCH LONGER!

"DON'T USE THE THERMITON-CANNON. SOME OF OUR MEN ARE IN THAT CELL!"
10 31

MING SENDS A THERMITON-CANNON TO BURN FLASH ALIVE IN HIS CELL..

AS THE FLAME DRIVES ZARKOV BACK, FLASH MAKES A LAST SUPER-HUMAN EFFORT...AND RIPS LOOSE HIS CHAINS FROM THE WELDED METAL WALL
10 22

FREED AT LAST, FLASH HURRIES LITA AND ZARKOV OUT OF THE FLAME-FILLED CELL INTO THE TUNNEL

THEY CRAWL ALONG THE TUNNEL THAT LEADS TO ZARKOV'S CELL
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LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST- THOSE JAILORS RECOG- NIZED YOU, ZARKOV
"COME ON, WE'LL TRY TO RESCUE DALE," FLASH URGES- BUT LITA MURMURS, "MUST YOU ALWAYS THINK OF HER, FIRST?"
10 23
FLASH HURRIES TO RESCUE DALE-BUT ZARKOV CRIES, "WAIT! THIS IS THE PRISON ARMORY WE NEED BETTER WEAPONS--
WHEN MING'S ARMORER, BILTO, SEES THEM HE SHOUTS, "FLASH GORDON! YOU GOT FREE-- CAN I JOIN YOU?"
10 24
"WE'LL HAVE TO MELT THOSE CHAINS OFF BEFORE MING'S GUARDS GET HERE"

"I HOPE THERE'S NO HOLE IN THIS INSULATITE, BILTO. THAT STUFF LOOKS HOT"
MING'S GUARDS POUND AT THE ARMORY DOOR. "ANYONE BEEN IN THERE, BILTO?"
BUT FLASH'S NEW FRIEND ROARS, "NO! AND YOU MUGS KEEP YOUR BIG FEET OUTA HERE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BLOW THE PLACE UP!"
1025
ZARKOV REPORTS THE GUARDS HAVE MOVED ON. FLASH SAYS: "IT FEELS GOOD TO BE FREE AGAIN!" AND BILTO ADDS, "I FEEL FREE, TOO, NOW THAT I'VE JOINED YOU..."
MING NEARLY GOES MAD AT THE NEWS THAT FLASH IS FREE. "I HUNT HIM DOWN! DESTROY THE PRISON IF WE DON'T FIND HIM!"
MING SURROUNDS THE PRISON WITH DEATH-RAYS SO NOTHING CAN GET OUT ALIVE. "SET A TRAP OUTSIDE DALE'S CELL- KILL THE FOOL WHEN HE TRIES TO RESCUE HER," HE SNARLS
MEANTIME FLASH URGES: "HURRY! WE'VE GOT TO FREE DALE"
AND LITA SAYS A LITTLE SADLY "SHE MEANS MORE TO YOU THAN YOUR LIFE, DOESN'T SHE?"
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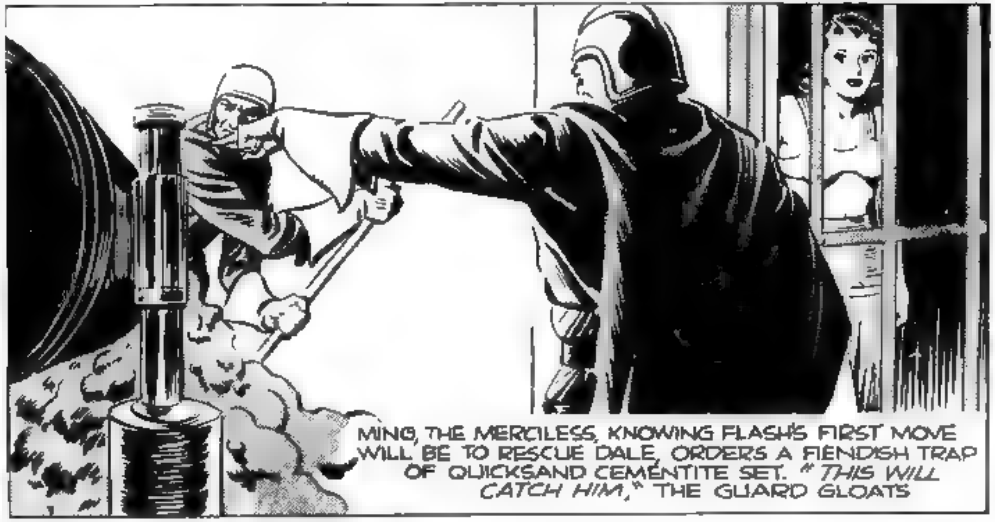
MING, THE MERCILESS, KNOWING FLASH'S FIRST MOVE WILL BE TO RESCUE DALE, ORDERS A FIENDISH TRAP OF QUICKSAND CEMENTITE SET. "THIS WILL CATCH HIM," THE GUARD GLOATS

"STAY IN YOUR AMBUSH, MEN-- DON'T SHOOT TILL HE'S TRAPPED"
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10 18

"NOW I'LL KNOW YOU WON'T WARN FLASH --AND THAT HE CAN'T SHOOT AT US!"

"WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO SHOOT OUR WAY TO DALE'S CELL, UTA"

"QUEER. THAT MING ISN'T GUARDING HER," FLASH MUTTERS AND SUDDENLY STUMBLES, AS THE FLOOR GIVES WAY
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THE RESCUE PARTY FLOUNDERS DESPERATELY, AS THEY BREAK THROUGH THE THIN SURFACE OF MING'S TRAP. A FALSE FLOOR OF QUICKSAND CEMENTITE
10-29

AS DALE WATCHES, GAGGED AND HELPLESS!
"THEY'RE TRAPPED IN THE QUICK-SAND- START FIRING, MEN!"

STUCK IN THE GLUE-LIKE CEMENTITE, FLASH'S RESCUE PARTY IS CAUGHT IN DEADLY CROSS-FIRE

"YOU CAN'T SHOOT AT ME, FLASH, OR YOU'LL HIT YOUR SWEETHEART!"
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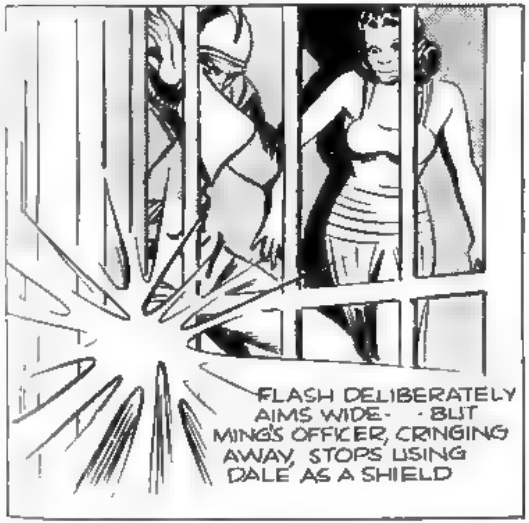
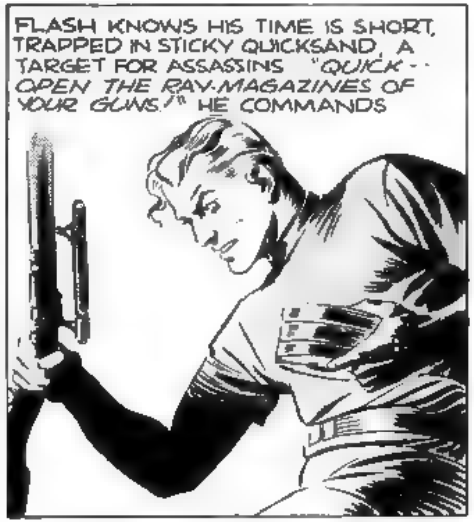
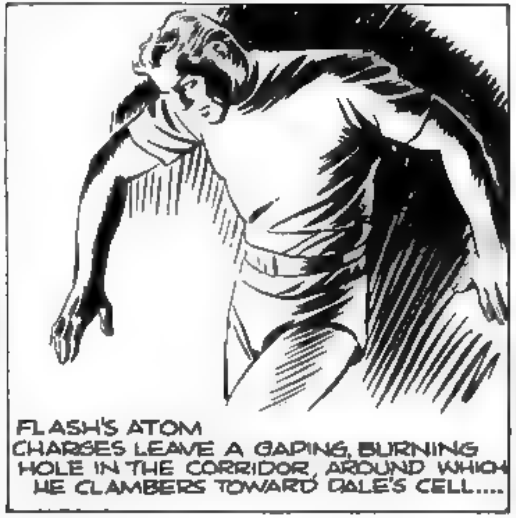

FLASH DELIBERATELY AIMS WIDE- - BUT MING'S OFFICER, CRINGING AWAY, STOPS USING DALE AS A SHIELD


FLASH KNOWS HIS TIME IS SHORT, TRAPPED IN STICKY QUICKSAND, A TARGET FOR ASSASSINS "QUICK - - OPEN THE RAY-MAGAZINES OF YOUR GUNS!" HE COMMANDS

AT FLASH'S ORDERS, LITA, ZARKOV AND BILTO HURL THEIR ATOM CHARGES ONTO THE FLOOR
10 31


FLASH'S ATOM CHARGES LEAVE A GAPING, BURNING HOLE IN THE CORRIDOR, AROUND WHICH HE CLAMBERS TOWARD DALE'S CELL.....

HE BURSTS IN UPON THE GUARDS LIKE AN AVENGING FURY.
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"COME ON, DARLING DALE," FLASH LIRGES, "WE'RE STILL INSIDE MING'S PRISON"
11-1

BREAKING OUT OF THE PRISON, FLASH SPOTS MING'S SILENT JAILOR- A DEATH-RAY TOWER!
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A CONCENTRATED FIRE ON ONE CORNER TOPPLES THE FIEND'S DEVICE — MING'S GUARDS SCATTER WILDLY, FEARING STRAY RAYS.....

IN THE CONFUSION FLASH SEIZES A WAITING CAR- MING'S OWN!
IT IS SWIFT, BUT DANGEROUSLY EASY TO TRACE

MING'S TREMBLING COURIER BRINGS HIM BAD NEWS: "FLASH GORDON HAS ESCAPED IN YOUR CAR, SIR!"
"ATTENTION, ALL MINGO! SECRET POLICE, MOTOR TROOPS, ROCKET BOMBERS! FLASH GORDON IS IN MY CAR— DESTROY HIM!"
FLASH HEARS THE WARNING ON THE CAR'S SPACEPHONE--AND DALE CRIES: "LOOK! A RACER-TANK AHEAD!"
11-4
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FLASH ZIGZAGS AHEAD TOWARD THE RACER-TANK WHICH HAS CUT HIM OFF!
DARINGLY, FLASH DRIVES RIGHT OVER THE TOP OF AN ABANDONED STREET-CLEANING TRUCK-- AND LEAPS PAST THE DEADLY RACER-TANK!
11-5
BUT A ROCKET-BOMBER DIVES TO HEAD HIM OFF!

MING'S DIVE-BOMBER BLASTS A MIGHTY CRATER JUST AHEAD OF FLASH'S SPEEDING CAR

ANOTHER BOMB IS HURLED TO FINISH THE RUTHLESS TASK OF MURDER--
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THE SECOND BOMB OPENS SOME SORT OF TUNNEL-INSTANTLY FLASH STEPS ON THE ROCKET POWER-"IF YOU SEE A BETTER 'OLE, GO TO IT!" HE SHOUTS

PLUNGING THROUGH MING'S BOMB CRATERS, FLASH FINDS HIMSELF IN A SUBWAY TUBE

SCREAMING AROUND A CURVE, AN ONRUSHING TUBE-TRAIN THUNDERS DOWN ON FLASH'S CAR---
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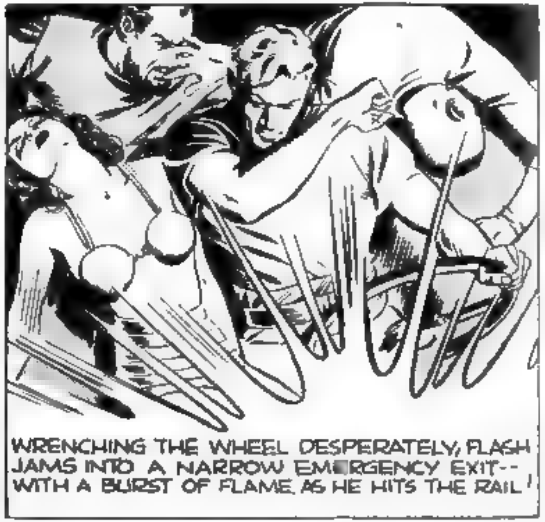
WRENCHING THE WHEEL DESPERATELY, FLASH JAMS INTO A NARROW EMERGENCY EXIT-- WITH A BURST OF FLAME AS HE HITS THE RAIL!

FLASH IS FIRST TO RECOVER FROM THE CRASH IN THE SUBWAY TUBE "DALE--OH, DALE!" HE CRIES
RACING AGAINST FIRE FLASH DRAGS HIS COMPANIONS OUT OF THE DOOMED CAR
11-8
AN EMERGENCY POWER-MAN REACHES THE SCENE "WHAT HAPPENED?--BY TAO'S TOES IT'S FLASH GORDON! YOU'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK!"
FIERRO, A POWER-MAN IN MING'S SUBWAY SYSTEM, HELPS FLASH ESCAPE "THIS WAY," HE SAYS, "LIES THE SECRET PASSAGE TO OUR LODGE"
11-9
AFTER REVIVING DALE AND LITA, BLUNT AND BOSSY, FIERRO QUICKLY INTERRUPTS: "YEAH, THEY'LL LIVE-NOW COME ON TO A COUNCIL OF WAR TO SEE WHETHER ANY OF US WILL LIVE VERY LONG"

FLASH AND FIERRO HURRY THROUGH A FORGOTTEN SECTION OF MING'S SUBWAY TO THE POWER-MEN'S SECRET MEETING-LODGE
11-11
IN THE MEETING, ONE SUBWAY MAN PROTESTS "YOU'VE RUINED US ALL, FIERRO-- MING WILL TRACE FLASH HERE!"
THEN FIERRO RAGES: "DON'T YOU DARE QUESTION WHAT I DO, LOGO!"
FLASH QUICKLY SHOWS HIS LEADERSHIP "I WON'T STAY HERE TO ENDANGER YOU-BUT HOW MANY WILL FOLLOW ME TO A NEW LAND FAR FROM MING'S TYRANNY?"
THE SUBWAY POWER-MEN CHOOSE FLASH AND FIERRO TO LEAD THEM TO A NEW, FREE LAND
11-12
"WE'RE GOING TO FIND A FREE LAND, FAR FROM MING, THE TYRANT!"
"OH, DARLING! HOW WONDERFUL- JUST LIKE OUR NATIVE LAND, AMERICA!"
"WHAT ABOUT ME?" LITA ASKS IN A LOST VOICE-FLASH FORGETS DALE'S JEALOUSY WHEN HE ANSWERS, "WE WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND, MY DEAR!"

FIERRO NOTIFIES LOYAL FRIENDS OVER THE TELEVISOPHONE; WHILE FLASH SWIFTLY PLANS THE EXPEDITION TO A NEW, FREE COUNTRY
LOGO INTERRUPTS THE COUNCIL OF WAR: "THIS PLAN IS TOO DANGEROUS."FIERRO'S TEMPER BLAZES!
"SHUT UP, YOU LUG- WHEN I WANT YOUR ADVICE, I'LL ASK FOR IT!"
AND SO, AS LOGO BROODS AT HIS WORK, A FIFTH-COLUMNIST IS IN THE MAKING "MING WOULD PAY WELL FOR NEWS OF THIS---
11 13
FLASH QUESTIONS FIERRO'S ROUGH TREATMENT OF LOGO. "LISTEN, FLASH," FIERRO ROARS, "I LIKE YOU-- BUT DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT TO DO, EITHER!"
BUT FLASH WAS RIGHT- FOR LOGO IS ALREADY IN MING'S PALACE, FOR REVENGE AND REWARD
INSTANTLY MING FILLS THE SUBWAY ROCKETS WITH A MURDEROUS HORDE OF TROOPS
11-14
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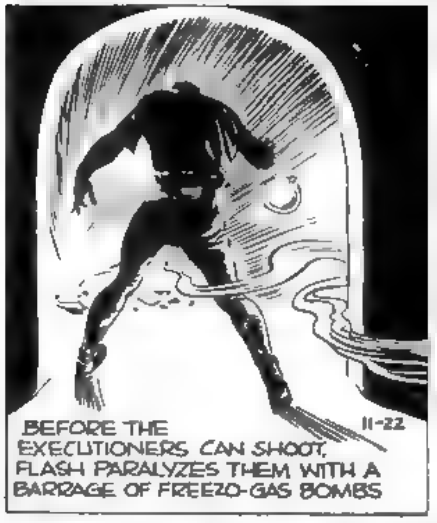
LOYAL TO THE DEATH, A SUBWAY POWERMAN WARNS FLASH AND FIERRO OF MING'S ATTACK--
BY FIERRO'S SWIFT ORDERS, SECRET LAND MINES BLAST MING'S ONRUSHING TROOP TRAINS
IN THE CONFUSION, FLASH HELPS THE POWER MEN TO ESCAPE "FOLLOW ME - WE WILL JOIN MY FREEMEN"
"WE MUST SLIP THROUGH MING'S DRAGNET--AFRAID, DALE?" BUT THE LOYAL GIRL WHISPERS, "NOT WHILE I'M WITH YOU, DEAR"
BY TWOS AND THREES THE HUNTED SUBWAY MEN HURRY TO THE EMERGENCY HIDE-OUT OF FLASH'S BAND OF FREEMEN-
FLASH WINS A MIGHTY WELCOME. "FREEMEN AND POWER-MEN," HE CRIES, "I HAVE COME TO LEAD YOU TO A NEW, FREE LAND"

IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST, FLASH AND THE POWER-MAN, FIERRO, PLAN THEIR FLIGHT TO "FREELAND," SAFE FROM MING'S TYRANNY
BUT OTHERS ARE PLANNING, TOO. MING TELLS THE TRAITOR, LOGO, "SEE IF YOU CAN FIND WHERE THEY'RE HIDING"
AND LOGO, PRETENDING TO BE A FUGITIVE, FINDS THE FREE-MEN'S CAMP
A SENTRY CHALLENGES "HALT--OH, IT'S LOGO!"
11-18
"HOW CAN WE GET TO FREELAND AND SAFETY WITHOUT SHIPS OR WEAPONS?" DALE WONDERS. FLASH GRINS, "WE'LL TAKE THEM FROM MING"
11-19
FIERRO TRIES VAINLY TO INTEREST LITA--SHE HAS EYES ONLY FOR FLASH WHO CALLS, "FIERRO, ARE YOU GAME FOR A RAID?"
THE BOLD HANDFUL OF ILL-ARMED FREE-MEN SET OUT FOR MING'S STRONGEST ARMORY, NOT KNOWING THEY HAVE A TRAITOR AMONG THEM

AS FLASH'S RAIDING PARTY DODGES MING'S PATROLS, THE TREACHEROUS FIFTH COLUMNIST LOGO, SLIPS AWAY UNNOTICED
AND CALLS MING ON A PAY TELEVISOPHONE "FLASH IS ON HIS WAY TO YOUR CHIEF ARMORY"
11 20
THE DARING LITTLE BAND OF FREEMEN RUNS INTO A DEADLY AMBUSH
A WITHERING FIRE FROM AMBUSH SCATTERS FLASH'S RAIDING PARTY
BILTO, THE ARMORER, THOUGH WOUNDED, SHOWS FLASH A WAY AROUND THE TRAP
BEFORE FLASH CAN GET BACK TO RESCUE THEM, FIERRO AND OTHER FREEMEN ARE OVER-WHELMED AND CAPTURED
11-21

"MING'S GOING TO KILL FIERRO AND THE OTHER CAPTIVES"
FLASH, DRIVEN BACK BY OVERPOWERING NUMBERS, HEARS MORE BAD NEWS

FIERRO FACES MING'S FIRING-SQUAD BOLDLY! "COME ON, YOU MUGS, SHOOT AND GET IT OVER WITH!"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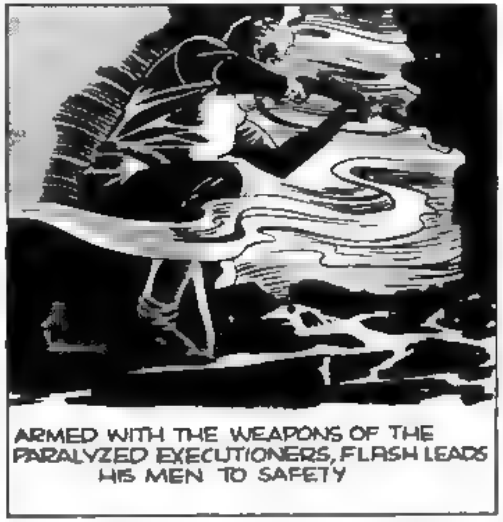
BEFORE THE EXECUTIONERS CAN SHOOT, FLASH PARALYZES THEM WITH A BARRAGE OF FREEZO-GAS BOMBS

RESCUED FROM MING'S FIRING-SQUAD, FIERRO ROARS "I KNEW YOU'D SAVE US, IF YOU WERE STILL ALIVE, FLASH!"


ARMED WITH THE WEAPONS OF THE PARALYZED EXECUTIONERS, FLASH LEADS HIS MEN TO SAFETY

AT THE HIDE-OUT, DALE IS HYSTERICAL WITH RELIEF— FIERRO GRUMBLES · "HOW ABOUT A KISS FOR ME, LITA?" BUT SHE ONLY STARES AT FLASH, HER HEART IN HER EYES

BUT FLASH HAS OTHER PROBLEMS. "FIERRO, SOMEONE TIPPED MING OFF— WE MUST GET OUT OF HERE-FAST!"
11-23

"WHO'S THE TRAITOR AMONG US? I'LL KILL HIM!" FIERRO GROWLS, BUT FLASH WARNS: "WE HAVEN'T TIME TO FIND OUT - WE MUST HURRY AND GET A SHIP, PLANES, FOOD AND WEAPONS FOR OUR TRIP TO FREELAND!"
11-25

FLASH'S FIRST MOVE IS TO SUMMON HAWKON, THE BIRD-MAN. "MING'S SENDING A TRAIN-LOAD OF SUPPLIES TO HIS COLONIES" SAYS FLASH "WE CAN USE THEM!"
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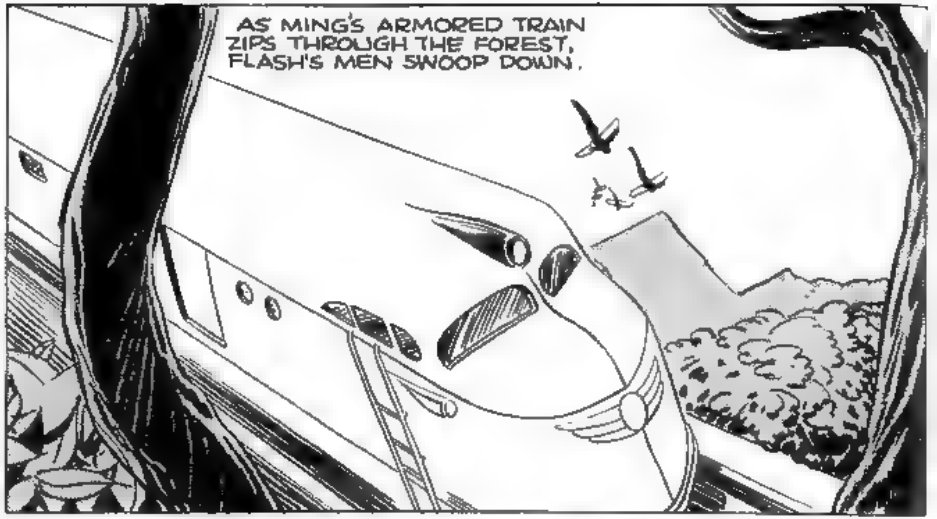
AS MING'S ARMORED TRAIN ZIPS THROUGH THE FOREST, FLASH'S MEN SWOOP DOWN.

FLASH DARINGLY ATTACKS FROM THE AIR TO SEIZE AN ARMORED TRAIN LOADED WITH SUPPLIES....
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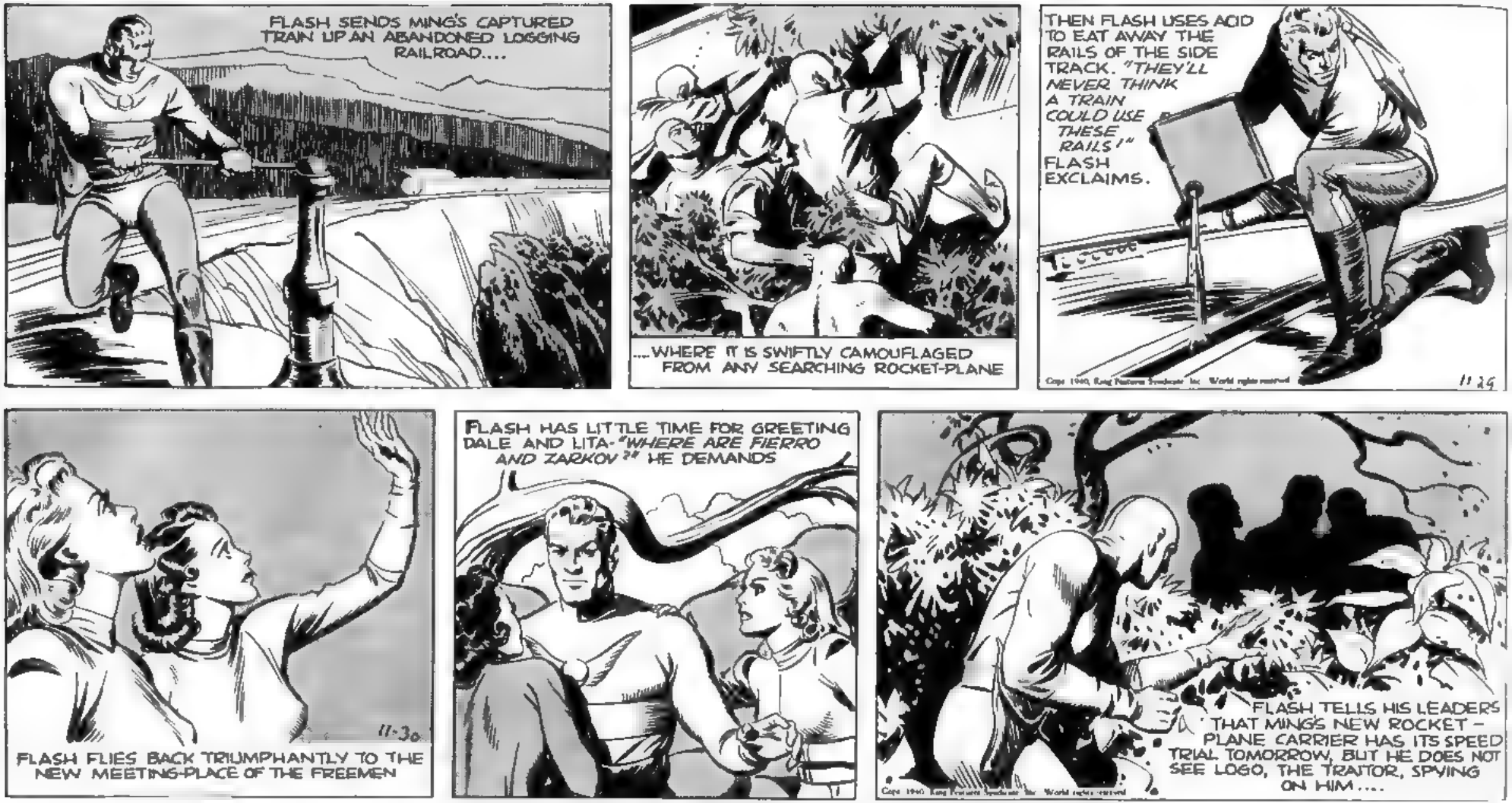
THE ENGINEER, FAR FROM RESISTING, WELCOMES FLASH EAGERLY, "BY TAO'S WHISKERS FLASH GORDON! LET ME HELP YOU! ALL MING'S GUARDS ARE IN THE REAR CAR"
11 26

FLASH LEADS A DARING RAID TO SEIZE AN ARMORED TRAIN LOADED WITH SUPPLIES FOR HIS ESCAPE TO "FREELAND"

FLASH BURSTS IN ON THE CONFUSED AND SHAKEN GUARDS WITH THE SHARP ORDER: "DROP YOUR GUNS!"

FLASH'S RAID ON MING'S ARMORED TRAIN SUCCEEDS BY ITS DARING UNEXPECTEDNESS. "FLAT ON YOUR FACES!" HE COMMANDS THE GUARDS

FLASH AND THE ENGINEER PLOT HOW TO MAKE A WHOLE TRAIN VANISH WITHOUT A TRAIL


FLASH SENDS MING'S CAPTURED TRAIN UP AN ABANDONED LOGGING RAILROAD....
....WHERE IT IS SWIFTLY CAMOUFLAGED FROM ANY SEARCHING ROCKET-PLANE
THEN FLASH USES ACID TO EAT AWAY THE RAILS OF THE SIDE TRACK. "THEY'LL NEVER THINK A TRAIN COULD USE THESE RAILS!" FLASH EXCLAIMS.
11-29
11-30
FLASH FLIES BACK TRIUMPHANTLY TO THE NEW MEETING-PLACE OF THE FREEMEN
FLASH HAS LITTLE TIME FOR GREETING DALE AND LITA-"WHERE ARE FIERRO AND ZARKOV?" HE DEMANDS
FLASH TELLS HIS LEADERS THAT MING'S NEW ROCKET – PLANE CARRIER HAS ITS SPEED TRIAL TOMORROW, BUT HE DOES NOT SEE LOGO, THE TRAITOR, SPYING ON HIM....

DALE SEES A STEALTHY FIGURE SLIP AWAY FROM THE FREEMEN'S HIDING-PLACE
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12-2
SHE TRIES TO STOP THE TRAITOR, BUT LOGO DODGES AND PUSHES HER DOWN A BANK WHEN SHE GETS TOO CLOSE
FLASH DASHES TO HER AID, BUT THE SPY HAS VANISHED. "I DIDN'T SEE HIM CLEARLY," DALE GASPS, "BUT I THINK IT WAS LOGO!"
FLASH TELLS FIERRO THE BAD NEWS "MING'S SPY MAY HAVE HEARD OUR PLAN TO SEIZE THE ROCKET-PLANE"
12-3
"WE'RE SUNK!" FIERRO ROARS. BUT FLASH SAYS CALMLY, "WE'LL FOOL THEM BY GETTING THERE FIRST!"
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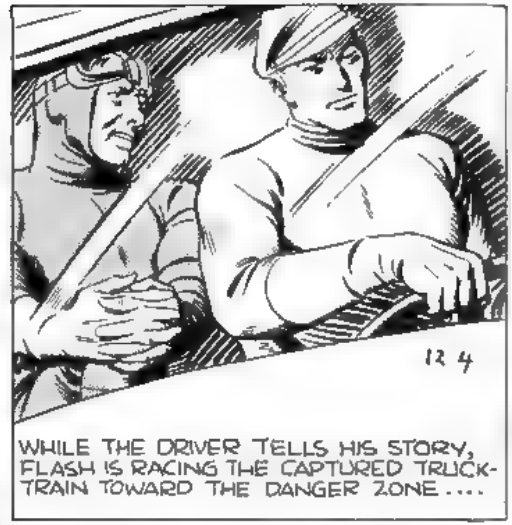
THEY CAPTURE A TRUCK-TRAIN OF MACHINERY, BOUND FOR MINGS SEAPORT. "WE'LL HITCH-HIKE IN STYLE AT MING'S EXPENSE," FLASH ANNOUNCES

LOGO, THE SPY, TRIES TO BETRAY FLASH'S PLANS
A BORED OFFICER YAWNS: "MINGS ON A TRIP, YOUR STORY SOUNDS FISHY, ANYWAY...."

LOGO FINALLY PERSUADES THE SKEPTICAL OFFICER TO SURROUND FLASH'S CAMP- THEY FIND NO ONE, EXCEPT A BOUND AND GAGGED TRUCK DRIVER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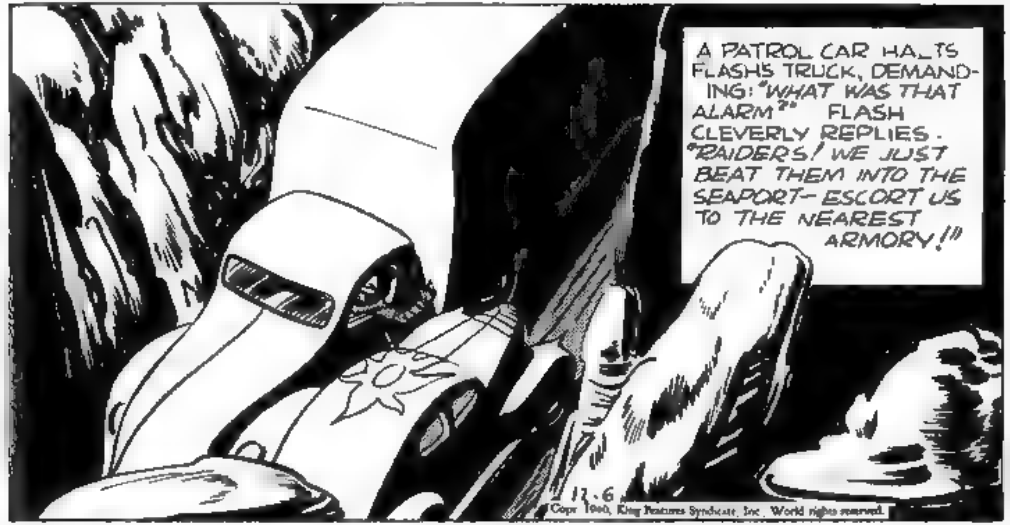
WHILE THE DRIVER TELLS HIS STORY, FLASH IS RACING THE CAPTURED TRUCK-TRAIN TOWARD THE DANGER ZONE....

A GUARD HALTS FLASHS TRUCK TRAIN AT THE RAY-GUARDED GATE OF THE SEAPORT. "HALT! SHOW YOUR PASS!"
12-5

FIERRO LEAPS OUT, GROWLING, "I'LL SHOW YOU OUR PASS....!"

"THAT DUMB STUNT SOUNDED A CITY WIDE ALARM," FLASH WARNS. "LET ME HANDLE THINGS AFTER THIS!"


A PATROL CAR HALTS FLASH'S TRUCK, DEMANDING: "WHAT WAS THAT ALARM?" FLASH CLEVERLY REPLIES. "RAIDERS! WE JUST BEAT THEM INTO THE SEAPORT— ESCORT US TO THE NEAREST ARMORY!"
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ONCE INSIDE THE ARMORY, FLASH'S DESPERATE BAND POURS OUT AND OVERWHELMS THE HANDFUL OF GUARDS

HASTILY, FLASH AND HIS MEN PUT ON MING'S UNIFORMS AND DRIVE TOWARD THE DOCKS IN ARMY LORRIES..

FLASH BLUFFS HIS WAY ABOARD THE NEW ROCKET PLANE-CARRIER AND TELLS THE CAPTAIN "DRAW YOUR MEN UP FOR INSPECTION- MING'S ORDERS!"
12-7

BUT FLASH'S LUCK IS RUNNING OUT.. MING'S TROOPS, WARNED AT LAST, DASH TO THE DOCKS IN RACING TANKS WITH SIRENS SCREAMING
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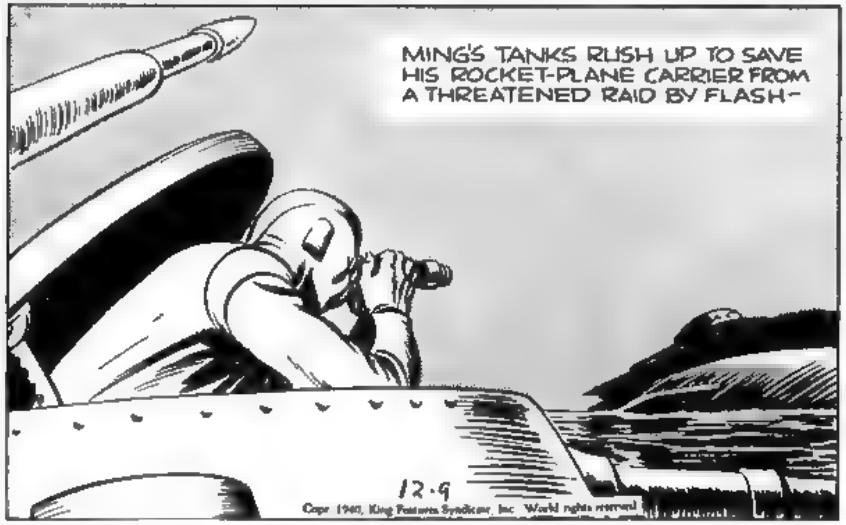
MING'S TANKS RUSH UP TO SAVE HIS ROCKET-PLANE CARRIER FROM A THREATENED RAID BY FLASH-
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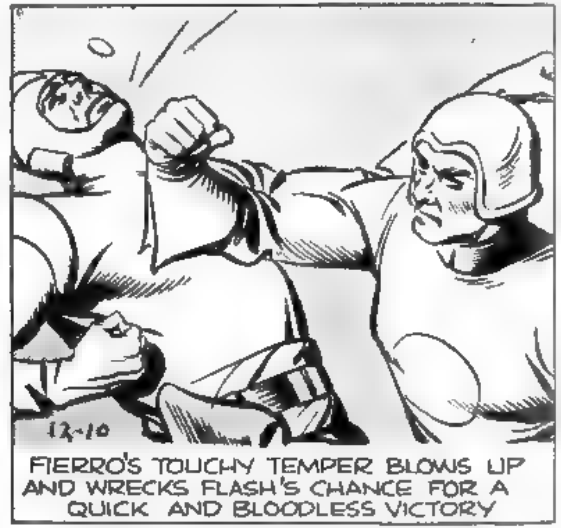
THE ROCKET-CARRIER CAPTAIN HEARS THE TANKS' EMERGENCY SIRENS. "WHAT'S THAT?" HE ASKS FLASH, SHARPLY----

FLASH CARRIES ON HIS BLUFF. "MORE REINFORCEMENTS TO GUARD AGAINST A SURPRISE ATTACK BY FLASH GORDON-THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE, TOO!"

MING'S TANK COLONEL LEADS HIS MEN UP THE ESCALATOR GANGWAY TO INVESTIGATE- FLASH SWIFTLY BLUFFS:
"YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, FLASH HASN'T ATTACKED YET- YOU CAN GUARD THE DOCK"

BUT THE COLONEL'S SUSPICIOUS EYE PICKS DALE OUT OF THE RANKS. "WHAT.... A GIRL SOLDIER?"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FIERRO'S TOUCHY TEMPER BLOWS UP AND WRECKS FLASH'S CHANCE FOR A QUICK AND BLOODLESS VICTORY

AS FERRO'S TEMPER RUINS ALL CHANCES FOR A BLOODLESS VICTORY, FLASH COVERS THE ROCKET CARRIER'S CAPTAIN AND COMMANDS, "ORDER YOUR MEN NOT TO MOVE!"
ZARKOV SWINGS A DECK MACHINE-RAY GUN AROUND TO COVER THE SAILORS: "STAND FAST OR I'LL BLAST YOU!"
THERE'S A WILD FREE-FOR-ALL FOR THE MASTERY OF THE SHIP'S DECK, AS THE LEADERLESS TANK-MEN ATTACK FLASH'S BAND
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IN THE BATTLE FOR THE ROCKET-CARRIER, MING'S TANK COLONEL COMES OUT OF HIS DAZE
FLASH GOES BERSERK AT SEEING DALE IN DANGER
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AND LEADS HIS BAND IN SWEEPING THE TANK TROOPS OFF THE DECK—WHILE ZARKOV COVERS THE SAILORS

MING'S COLONEL RALLIES HIS TANKS TO POUR A WITHERING FIRE AGAINST THE SHIP

THE RUTHLESS BOMBARDMENT FALLS ON FLASH'S MEN AND THE CAPTURED SAILORS ALIKE: "TAKE YOUR MEN BELOW AND SAVE THEIR LIVES," FLASH TELLS THE SHIP CAPTAIN
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"BY TAO'S BLOOD, YOU'RE A BETTER MAN THAN MING!" THE CAPTAIN CRIES. "MY MEN AND I ARE YOURS TO COMMAND, FLASH GORDON!"

SUDDENLY MING'S TANKS ARE RAKED BY THE ROCKET-CARRIER'S BROADSIDE - CAPTAIN SUNOL HAS TURNED AGAINST THE TYRANT!
12-14

WITH HIS MEN AT THEIR POSTS, CHEERING FOR FLASH GORDON AND FREEDOM, CAPTAIN SUNOL STARTS THE ATOM-TURBINES
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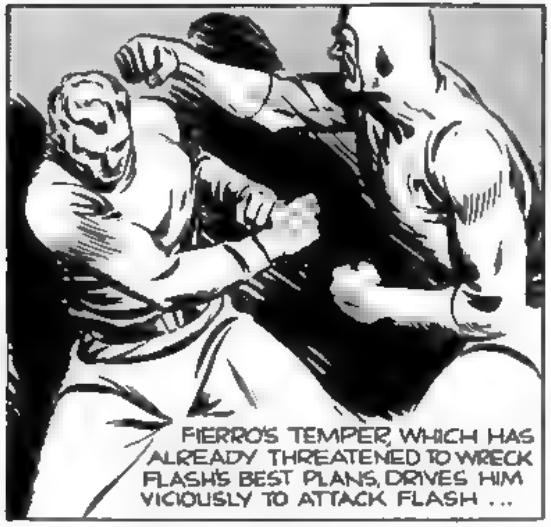
GATHERING SPEED, THEY SAIL AWAY FROM MING'S BARRAGE OF HATE....

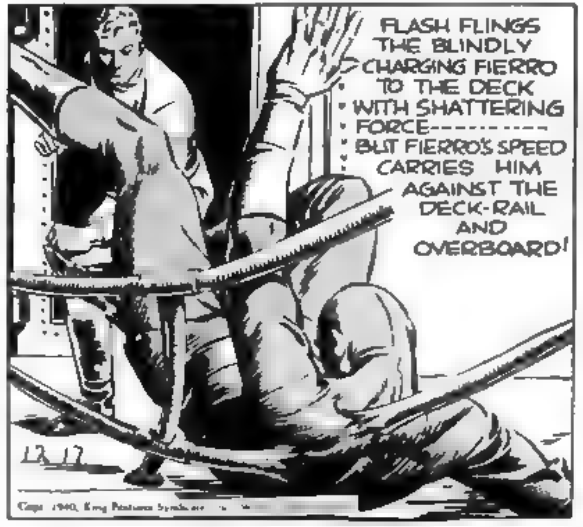
ABOARD THE NEW ROCKET-PLANE CARRIER THEY HAVE JUST CAPTURED, DALE ASKS: "WHERE DO WE GO NOW, DEAR?" AND FLASH REPLIES: "WE START AT LAST FOR OUR NEW HOME, FREELAND!"
12-16

FLASH CALLS HIS CHIEF LIEUTENANTS---ZARKOV, FIERRO AND CAPTAIN SUNOL, AND ANNOUNCES: "WE'RE OFF TO FREELAND, A NEW COUNTRY WHERE WE CAN FIND LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS. FIRST, WE'LL PICK UP HAWKON AND HIS MEN--"

"WE CAN'T SAVE HAWKON, WITH MING'S ROCKET BOMBERS HUNTING US-WE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST." FIERRO GROWLS-FLASH RETORTS: "I'D RATHER DIE THAN DESERT MY FRIENDS."

FIERRO BLUNTLY REFUSES TO LET FLASH RESCUE THE LOST FREEMEN, SO FLASH ORDERS: "STAND BACK, EVERYBODY- FIERRO AND I WILL DECIDE WHO'S RUNNING THINGS, RIGHT NOW!"


FIERRO'S TEMPER, WHICH HAS ALREADY THREATENED TO WRECK FLASH'S BEST PLANS, DRIVES HIM VICIOUSLY TO ATTACK FLASH ...


FLASH FLINGS THE BLINDLY CHARGING FIERRO TO THE DECK WITH SHATTERING FORCE---------- BUT FIERRO'S SPEED CARRIES HIM AGAINST THE DECK-RAIL AND OVERBOARD!
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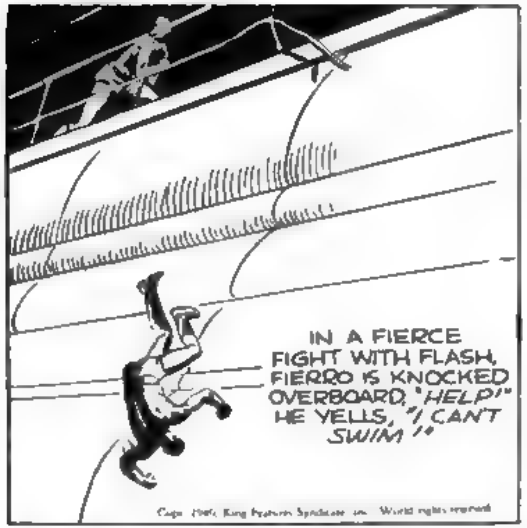
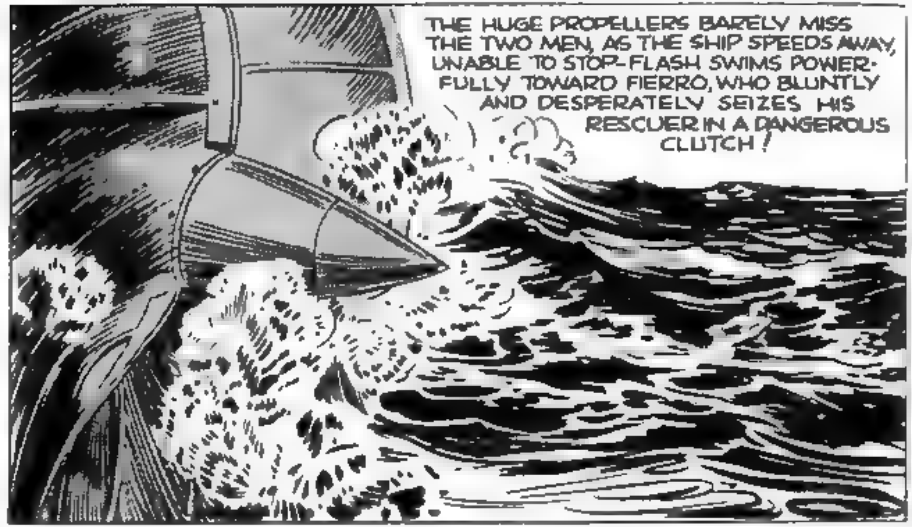
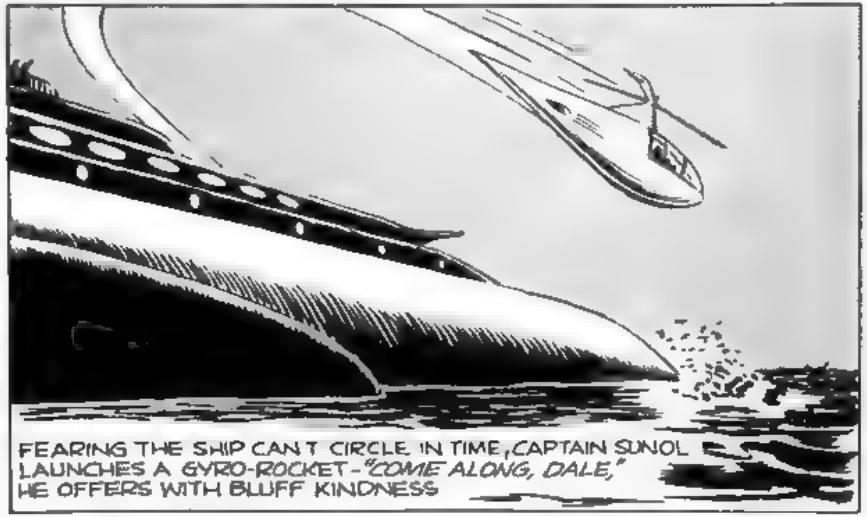

IN A FIERCE FIGHT WITH FLASH, FIERRO IS KNOCKED OVERBOARD. "HELP!" HE YELLS, "I CAN'T SWIM!"

UNHESITATINGLY, FLASH DIVES OVERBOARD TO SAVE THE LIFE OF HIS FORMER COMRADE
12-18


THE HUGE PROPELLERS BARELY MISS THE TWO MEN, AS THE SHIP SPEEDS AWAY, UNABLE TO STOP-FLASH SWIMS POWERFULLY TOWARD FIERRO, WHO BLUNTLY AND DESPERATELY SEIZES HIS RESCUER IN A DANGEROUS CLUTCH!

FLASH'S SEARCH FOR A NEW FREE LAND FOR HIS FOLLOWERS MEETS WITH DISASTER WHEN HE DIVES OVERBOARD TO SAVE FIERRO. "STOP THE SHIP!" SCREAMS DALE


FEARING THE SHIP CAN'T CIRCLE IN TIME, CAPTAIN SUNOL LAUNCHES A GYRO-ROCKET-"COME ALONG, DALE," HE OFFERS WITH BLUFF KINDNESS

INSIDE THE GYRO-ROCKET, DALE IS THE FIRST TO SPOT FLASH, LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP BY THE DROWNING FIERRO
12-19

CAPTAIN SUNOL STARTS THE GYRO-MOTORS IN THE TOP OF THE ROCKET, TRYING TO HOVER OVER FLASH AND FIERRO, WHO ARE LOCKED IN A DESPERATE DEATH STRUGGLE BELOW
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HALF-CHOKED, FLASH MANAGES TO BREAK FIERRO'S DEATH GRIP JUST IN TIME!
THE GYRO-ROCKET LOWERS A ROPE LADDER WITHIN REACH, AND FLASH GRABS IT, WITH HIS LIMP BURDEN
DALE CRIES WITH HAPPINESS, AS HER GYRO-ROCKET RESCUES FLASH- "DON'T CRY NOW, SWEET," FLASH LAUGHS TENDERLY- "YOU DID GET HERE IN TIME, JUST IN TIME!"
SWIFT FIRST-AID METHODS REVIVE THE HALF-DROWNED FIERRO "YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO RESCUE ME, FLASH- YOU'RE THE BETTER MAN- FROM NOW ON YOU'RE THE BOSS!"
BUT AS THE GYRO-ROCKET BEGINS TO TURN BACK TO THE PLANE-CARRIER, A FLEET OF MING'S WAR-ROCKETS DIVES OUT OF THE CLOUDS!
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IN THEIR GYRO-ROCKET, FLASH TELLS DALE. "NOTHING WILL STOP US NOW, DEAR-- WE'RE OFF FOR FREELAND, WHERE YOU'LL FIND PEACE AND HAPPINESS"
CAPTAIN SUNOL BARKS. "QUICK, FLASH- MING'S ROCKET FLEET IS DIVING TO ATTACK US!"
12 23
FLASH'S ROCKET LURCHES IN SICKENING CURVES, AS HE SPINS DESPERATELY AWAY FROM THE FIRST-DIVE CANNON- ADING OF MING'S MIGHTY FLEET
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FLASH, DIVING AND DODGING, OUTNUMBERED BY MING'S AIR-FLEET, MANAGES TO BLAST ONE ROCKET IN PASSING---
BUT ONE OF THE SWARM OF ATTACKERS SCORES A LUCKY HIT ON FLASH'S GYRO-ROCKET. FLASH'S FIRST THOUGHT IS OF DALE "ARE YOU HURT, DEAR?"
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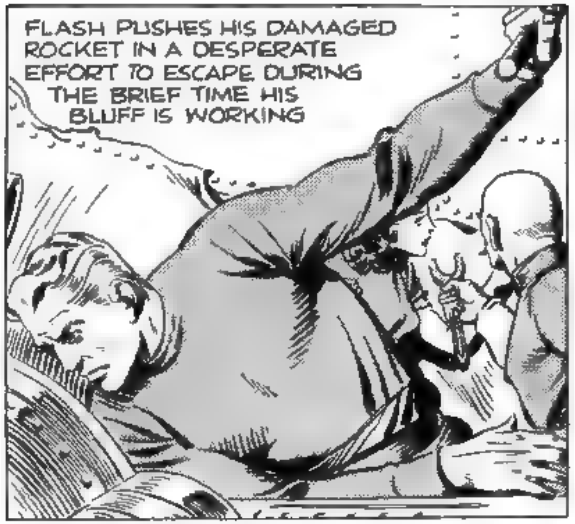
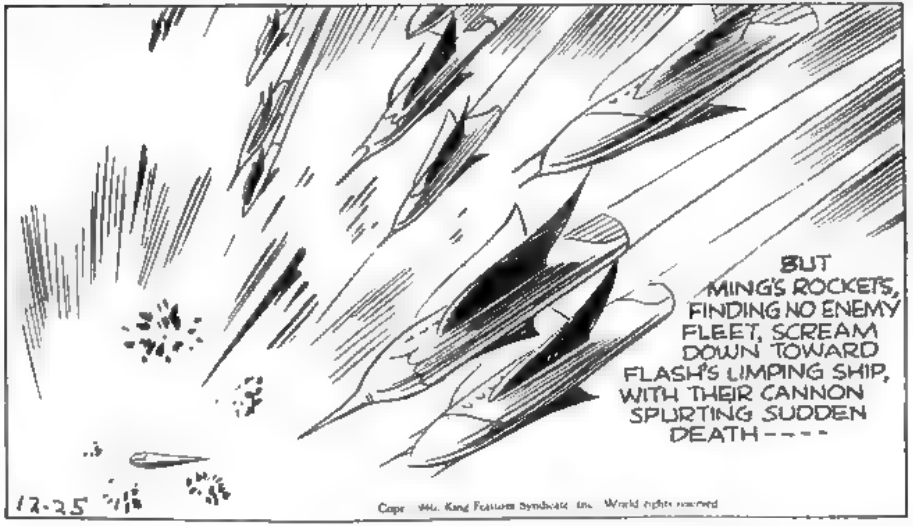
AS A LAST RESORT, FLASH TRIES TO SCARE HIS ATTACKERS AWAY BY A RADIOPHONE BLUFF. "CALLING THE ROCKET-CARRIER FLEET! GO TO EIGHTY THOUSAND FEET AND DIVE ON MING'S ROCKETS!"

MING'S ROCKETS ZOOM INTO THE AIR TO MEET THE ATTACKING FLEET FLASH PRETENDS IS ABOVE THEM, "HIGHER," MING'S AIR ADMIRAL ORDERS


FLASH PUSHES HIS DAMAGED ROCKET IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO ESCAPE DURING THE BRIEF TIME HIS BLUFF IS WORKING


BUT MING'S ROCKETS, FINDING NO ENEMY FLEET, SCREAM DOWN TOWARD FLASH'S LIMPING SHIP, WITH THEIR CANNON SPURTING SUDDEN DEATH - - - -
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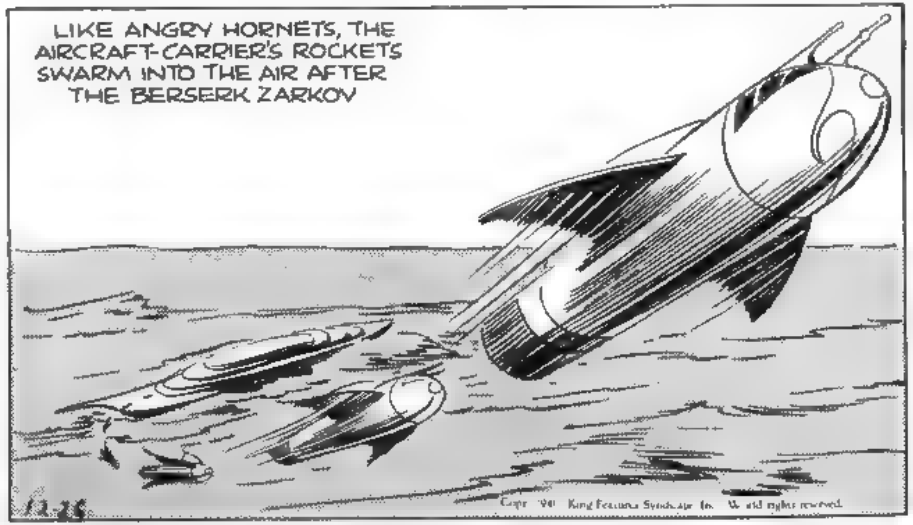
AS MING'S ROCKETS FILL THE AIR WITH BURSTING RAY-SHELLS, FLASH SAYS: "WE'LL NEVER REACH FREELAND NOW!" DALE TENDERLY REPLIES, "I DON'T MIND DYING, AS LONG AS WE GO DOWN TOGETHER!"

BUT ABOARD THE DISTANT ROCKET-CARRIER, ZARKOV HAS HEARD FLASH'S RADIO MESSAGE. ZARKOV SHOUTS: "EVERYBODY ON DECK! FLASH IS IN TROUBLE!"


LIKE ANGRY HORNETS, THE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER'S ROCKETS SWARM INTO THE AIR AFTER THE BERSERK ZARKOV
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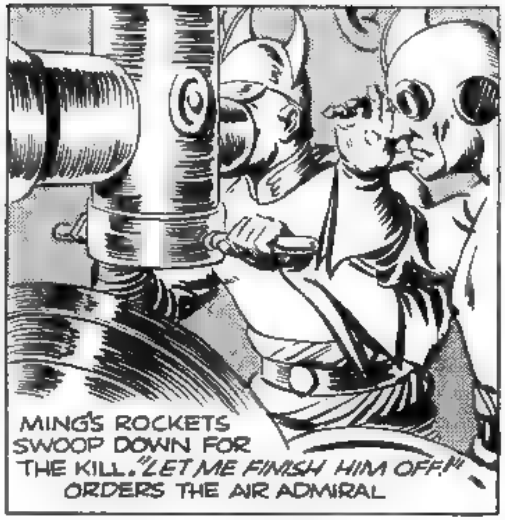
HOPELESSLY OUT-NUMBERED, FLASH AND DALE SAY THEIR LAST FAREWELLS AND THEN SWING AROUND TO GO DOWN FIGHTING ----


MING'S ROCKETS SWOOP DOWN FOR THE KILL. "LET ME FINISH HIM OFF!" ORDERS THE AIR ADMIRAL

AT THE LAST MINUTE, ZARKOV AND THE ROCKET-CARRIER FLEET ROAR DOWN OUT OF THE SKY, SMASHING AND SCATTERING MING'S ROCKETS WITH THEIR SURPRISE ATTACK
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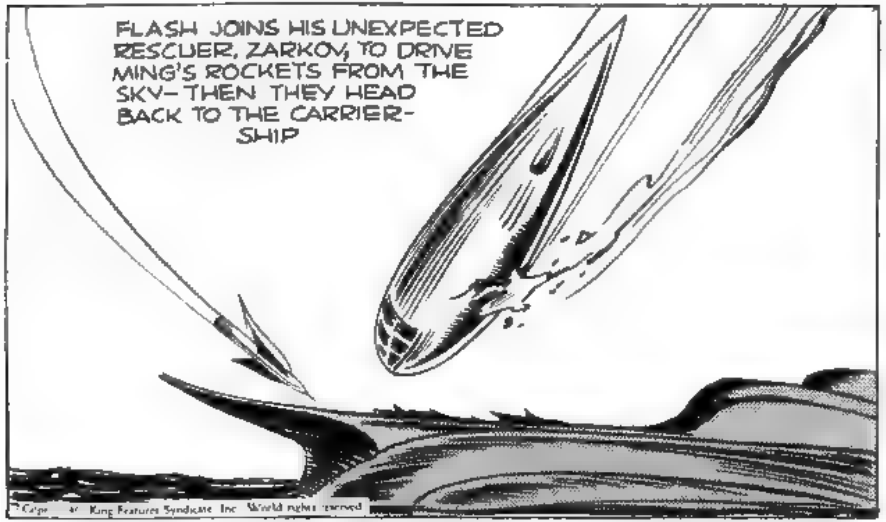
FLASH JOINS HIS UNEXPECTED RESCUER, ZARKOV, TO DRIVE MING'S ROCKETS FROM THE SKY— THEN THEY HEAD BACK TO THE CARRIER-SHIP
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"THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME," DALE SAYS, "AND THAT'S FOR SAVING FLASH," SHE ADDS, KISSING THEIR LOYAL COMRADE
12-28

"AND NOW TO SAVE HAWKON AND THE OTHER FREEMEN, IN SPITE OF ALL MING'S POWER! O.K. WITH YOU NOW, FIERRO?" FLASH ASKS, AND FIERRO ROARS "YOU'RE THE BOSS, FLASH, AND I'LL FIGHT ANYBODY WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT!"

DALE CHRISTENS THE CAPTURED ROCKET-CARRIER: "I NAME THEE, 'FREEDOM'!"

12-30 FLASH GIVES CAPTAIN SUNOL HIS SAILING ORDERS "CRUISE OFF THE HARBOR 'TIL I SIGNAL IN RADIO CODE--THEN SAIL IN--ON THE MINUTE!"

DALE PLEADS TO GO WITH FLASH. "TOO DANGEROUS--I'VE GOT TO SLIP THROUGH MING'S AIR-PATROLS TO FIND HAWKON AND THE FREEMEN!," HE TELLS HER

FLASH LEAVES THE ROCKET-CARRIER "FREEDOM" AND IN A ONE MAN GYRO-ROCKET, SETS OUT TO RESCUE HAWKON AND THE OTHER FREEMEN

HEARING A NOISE BEHIND HIM, FLASH PUTS THE ROCKET ON THE ROBOT CONTROLS AND WHIRLS: "COME OUT OF THERE WITH YOUR HANDS UP!"
12-31

"DALE! I TOLD YOU IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO COME--" HE GROWLS. BUT DALE CRIES, "I'LL FACE ANY DANGER AT YOUR SIDE, FLASH!"

FLASH AND DALE SEARCH THE FOREST IN VAIN FOR HAWKON'S WELL-CAMOUFLAGED TRAIN-"WE MUST FIND IT- WE CAN'T LEAVE HAWKON BEHIND!"
BUT HAWKONS MEN SEE THEIR ROCKET--AND THINK, IT'S ANOTHER OF MING'S SEARCH PARTIES!
1-1
THE ROCKET LANDS NEARBY-HAWKON LEADS AN ARMED BAND AGAINST IT, ORDERING "MOW THEM DOWN ON SIGHT!"
UNSEEN, HAWKON AND THE FREEMEN AMBUSH THE ROCKET, WHICH IS JUST LANDING IN SEARCH OF THEM-HE ORDERS "SHOOT THE MOMENT THE DOOR OPENS!"
FLASH, NOT REALIZING HAWKON WILL THINK THIS IS ONE OF MING'S ROCKETS, OPENS THE DOOR "LET ME LOOK AROUND FIRST, DALE!"
QUICK-THINKING HAWKON LEAPS INTO THE PATH OF THE AMBUSHER'S' GUNS "DON'T SHOOT--IT'S FLASH!" BUT ONE MAN'S FINGER IS TOO TENSE ON THE TRIGGER
1-2

FLASH LANDS HIS ROCKET IN AN AMBUSH AND DALE IS SHOT BY MISTAKE!
HAWKON AND THE FREEMEN RUSH FORWARD IN SORROW AND HORROR, CRYING; "WE THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF MING'S ROCKETS!" FLASH HEARS NOTHING BUT DALE'S HEAVY BREATHING
ABRUPTLY DALE COMES TO "I'M ALL RIGHT, FLASH, DEAR. THE EXPLOSION JUST KNOCKED THE WIND OUT OF ME!"
FLASH TENDERLY CARRIES DALE TO THE HIDDEN TRAIN, DESPITE HER PLEA THAT SHE FEELS ALL RIGHT, NOW
THE FREEMEN POUR OUT TO WELCOME THEIR LEADER, FLASH, IN A WILD RE UNION, HEEDLESS OF THE DANGER THAT MING'S AIRCRAFT MAY SPOT THEM!
FLASH CALLS A COUNCIL OF WAR. "WE'VE GOT A TOUGH FIGHT AHEAD--TO GET THROUGH MING'S SEAPORT GUARDS AND GET ABOARD OUR SHIP FOR FREELAND!"

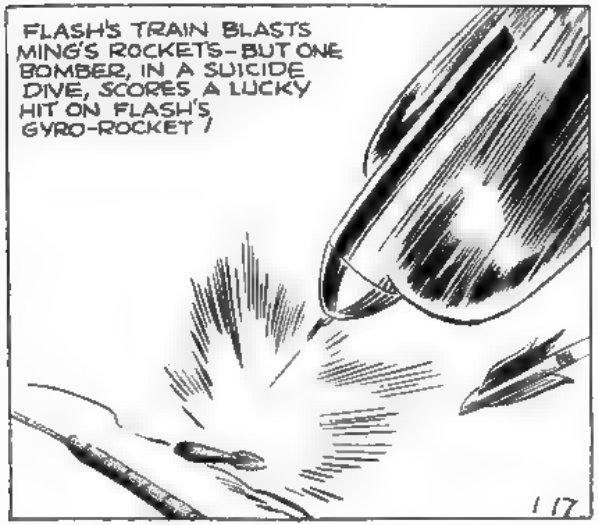
THE FREEMEN PREPARE FOR THE DASH TO THE HARBOR OF MINGPORT, TO BOARD FLASH'S CAPTURED ROCKET-CARRIER
SUDDENLY DALE SPOTS LOGO. "FLASH!" SHE GASPS, "ISN'T THAT THE MAN I SAW RUNNING OFF TO BETRAY US TO MING?"
"YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN, DALE," FLASH SAYS—THEN HAWKON ADDS, "LOGO HAS BEEN ONE OF OUR BEST MEN—HE FIXED OUR BROKEN RADIO RECEIVER"
1-6
FLASH AND THE RADIO-MAN, LOGO, CALL THE ROCKET-CARRIER "FREEDOM," IN SECRET CODE "CAN YOU MEET US IN SIX HOURS?"
WAITING NEAR THE CHANNEL TO MINGPORT, CAPTAIN SUNOL RADIOS THAT HE'LL PICK THEM UP
BUT THE TRAITOR, LOGO, HAS SECRETLY SWITCHED ON THE RADIO-PHONE, SO THAT EVERYTHING THEY SAY IS BROADCAST TO MING. "OUR TRAIN MEETS SUNOL AT MINGPORT"
1-7

MING'S RADIO POLICE REPORT A SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE TO THE TYRANT: "SOMETHING ABOUT A TRAIN AND MINGPORT DOCKS, YOUR MAJESTY"
MING DOUBLES THE GUARDS AND SENDS HIS FLEET AND AIR-FORCE RAC NG TOWARD MINGPORT
CAPTAIN SUNOL RADIOS A FRANTIC WARNING TO FLASH-
BUT THE TRAITOR, LOGO, GETS THE MESSAGE AND LIES BLANDLY: "SUNOL WILL MEET US OK"
1 8
CAPTAIN SUNOL, UNABLE TO WARN FLASH, ANNOUNCES: "WE CAN'T GET THROUGH MING'S FLEET TO MEET FLASH!"
"GO IN AND DIE TRYING! FLASH IS RUNNING INTO A TRAP!" LITA CRIES
"YOU'RE CRAZY, LITA, ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH FLASH?" FIERRO JEALOUSLY ASKS- LITA SOBS: "WHAT OF IT? WE MUST SAVE HIM!" AND ZARKON SAYS GRIMLY, "WE WILL!"

FLASH STARTS THE ARMORED TRAIN OFF TO MINGPORT, NOT KNOWING IT'S AN ARMED TRAP, DUE TO LOGO'S TREACHERY
1-10
FLASH CONVOYS THE TRAIN IN HIS GYRO-ROCKET-"GET SUNOL ON THE RADIO," HE ORDERS, TO LOGO'S HORROR
WITH SEEMING CLUMSINESS LOGO KNOCKS THE RADIO TO THE FLOOR, SMASHING IT SO SUNOL CAN'T WARN FLASH!
LOGO SMASHES THE ROCKET-RADIO---- "WHETHER YOU'RE A TRAITOR OR JUST A CLUMSY FOOL, I'M GOING TO TIE YOU UP!" FLASH WARNS
THE FIFTH-COLUMN SPY UNMASKS HIMSELF BY PULLING A GUN ON FLASH, WHO HURLS HIMSELF AT LOGO, DRIVING HIM AGAINST THE EMERGENCY EXIT-LEVER
FLASH CATCHES THE DOOR JUST IN TIME--AS THE TRAITOR PLUNGES INTO SPACE
1-11

DALE SNATCHES FLASH BACK FROM THE EMERGENCY DOOR--THROUGH WHICH THE TRAITOR, LOGO, HAS PLUNGED TO A WELL-DESERVED FATE
AS FLASH LOVINGLY REWARDS DALE, HE MURMURS: "YOUR WOMAN'S INTUITION WAS RIGHT ABOUT LOGO, DEAR" THEN HE STEERS TOWARD MINGPORT
MING'S AIR FLEET, WARNED BY THE FIFTH COLUMNIST, SWOOPS DOWN ON FLASH AND THE ARMORED TRAIN HE'S CONVOYING
1-13
FLASH ZOOMS TO MEET TERRIFIC ODDS—THE MIGHT OF MING'S ROCKET-BOMBERS
ZIG-ZAGGING CLEVERLY, FLASH SHOOTS DOWN THE FLAGSHIP-THEN HE DIVES AWAY, LURING THE LEADERLESS FLEET AFTER HIM!
IN HOT PURSUIT, MING'S ROCKETS ARE TRICKED WITHIN RANGE OF FLASH'S HEAVILY-ARMED TRAIN-MAGNETIC GUNS SCATTER DESTRUCTION!

WHILE FLASH BLINDLY FIGHTS HIS WAY INTO MINGPORT, CAPTAIN SUNOL GROANS: "MING'S ENTIRE NAVY IS BETWEEN US AND FLASH!"
"WE MUST TAKE ANY RISK TO MEET FLASH," ZARKOV CRIES. "HERE'S MY PLAN— FIRST GET THE NAVY CHASING US---"
SUNOL'S LONG-RANGE BROADSIDE BRINGS MING'S FLEET IN FIERCE PURSUIT OF THE SWIFT FLAMING ROCKET-CARRIER
1-15
BY ZARKOV'S PLAN, CAPTAIN SUNOL'S ROCKET-CARRIER FLEES WITH MING'S NAVY IN HOT PURSUIT—HIS ROCKETS SCATTER, LAYING DOWN A HEAVY, CHEMICAL SMOKE-SCREEN
1-16
SUNOL WEAVES THROUGH THE SMOKE, SAILING, BY INSTRUMENTS, IN A HUGE CIRCLE, NARROWLY ESCAPING COLLISIONS DOZENS OF TIMES
MING HEARS HIS NAVY HAS LOST SUNOL IN THE SMOKE— KNOWING FLASH PLANS TO JOIN SUNOL IN MINGPORT, HE ORDERS HIS OWN DOCKS DESTROYED!


FLASH'S TRAIN BLASTS MING'S ROCKETS-BUT ONE BOMBER, IN A SUICIDE DIVE, SCORES A LUCKY HIT ON FLASH'S GYRO-ROCKET!
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WITH INCREDIBLE SKILL, FLASH BRINGS HIS WRECKED ROCKET TO A PANCAKE LANDING

HAWKON HALTS THE TRAIN, HEEDLESS OF THE DIVE-BOMBERS, TO RESCUE HIS BELOVED LEADER AND DALE

FLASH'S BOLD PLAN TO ESCAPE WITH DALE AND THE FREEMEN TO FOUND THE NEW NATION OF FREELAND IS HEADED FOR DISASTER-MING'S NET DRAWS TIGHTER~~
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CAPTAIN SUNOL SAILS FLASH'S ROCKET-CARRIER INTO THE HARBOR WHERE HE IS TO MEET FLASH'S SUPPLY TRAIN --ONLY TO FIND THE DOCKS IN FLAMES-

WHILE FLASH'S TRAIN FIGHTS ITS WAY DEEPER INTO THE TRAP!

FLASH'S ARMORED TRAIN FIGHTS ITS WAY INTO MINGPORT-"WE'LL BOARD THE SHIP DALE," HE PROMISES, "AND SAIL FOR FREELAND TO FIND PEACE AND HAPPINESS"
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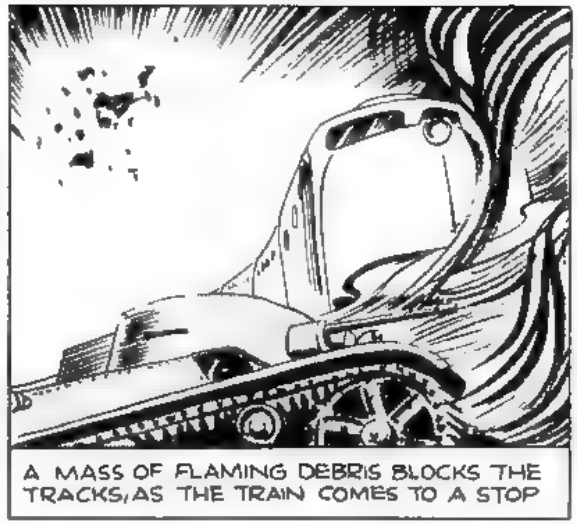
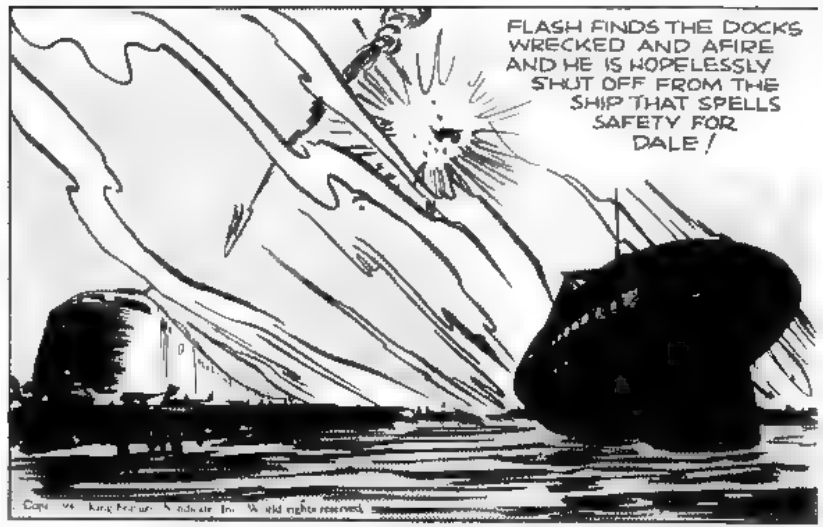

A MASS OF FLAMING DEBRIS BLOCKS THE TRACKS, AS THE TRAIN COMES TO A STOP


FLASH FINDS THE DOCKS WRECKED AND AFIRE AND HE IS HOPELESSLY SHUT OFF FROM THE SHIP THAT SPELLS SAFETY FOR DALE!

TRAPPED UNDER FIRE, FLASH THINKS ONLY OF DALE- "DON'T CRY, GIRL. I'LL GET YOU TO FREELAND-- SOMEWAY"
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QUICKLY FLASH BACKS HIS WAY OUT OF MING'S AMBUSH, FIGHTING HIMSELF FREE OF THE DEADLY FIRE!

CUT OFF FROM CAPTAIN SUNOL'S SHIP, FLASH SIGNALS HIM WITH THE TRAIN'S WHISTLE: "SAIL UP RIVER TO BRIDGE"!

"WE MIGHT SAVE FLASH WITH A ROCKET-SHIP," CAPTAIN SUNOL SAYS GRIMLY, "BUT WITHOUT THAT TRAINLOAD OF SUPPLIES WELL NEVER REACH FREELAND"
"SUNOL! THE TRAIN'S WHISTLING IN CODE!" ZARKOV LISTENS TENSELY -- "UP RIVER TO BRIDGE"..
THEY STEER THE ROCKET-CARRIER UPSTREAM TILL THEIR FIELD-GLASSES PICK UP AN AMAZING SIGHT---A TRAIN, OFF ITS TRACKS AND BUMPING ALONG A HIGHWAY!
FLASH'S TRAIN PLOWS ITS WAY OVER A TRACK-LESS CEMENTITE HIGHWAY
COVERED BY HIS FREEMEN'S ACCURATE FIRE, FLASH, SINGLE HANDED, STORMS THE CONTROL-TOWER OF AN OPEN CANTILEVER BRIDGE
FLASH DODGES THE BRIDGE GUARD'S SHOTS "I WANT YOU ALIVE," HE TELLS MING'S WATCHMAN!!

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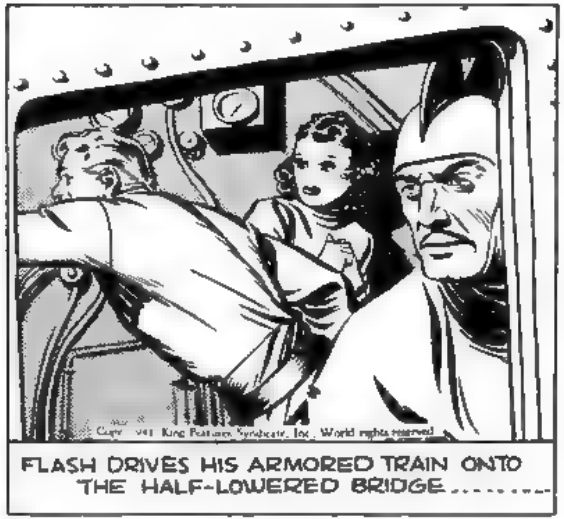
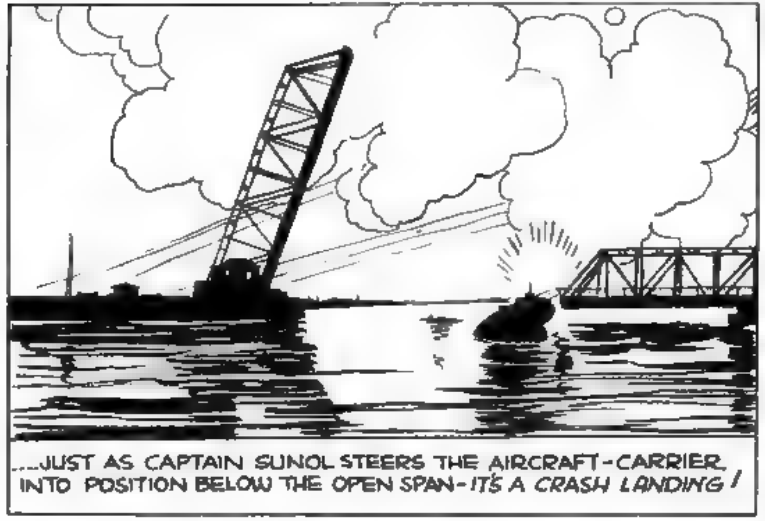
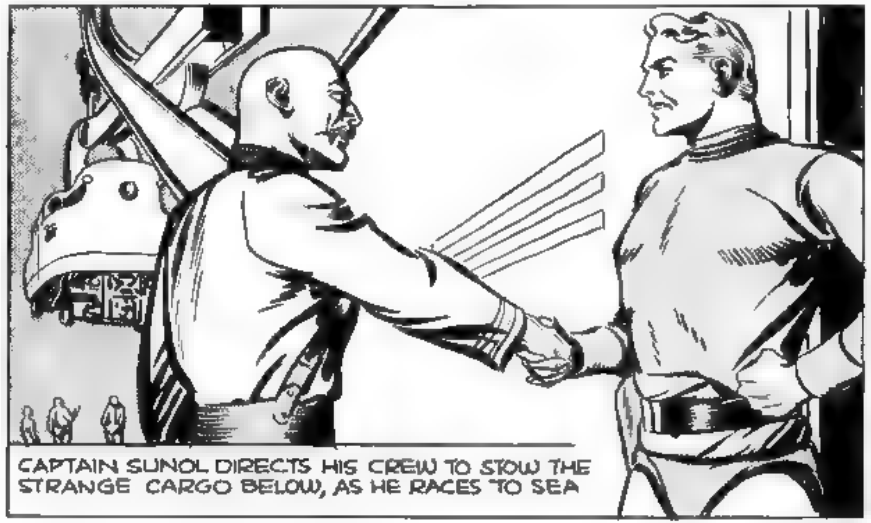
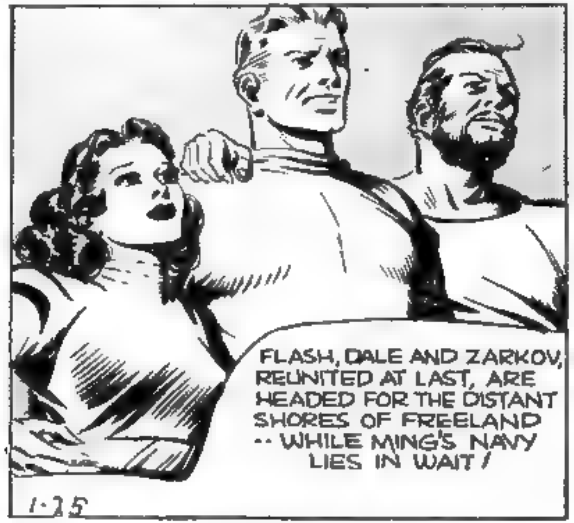
FLASH ORDERS THE GUARD: "LOWER THIS HALF OF THE CANTILEVER BRIDGE!"


FLASH DRIVES HIS ARMORED TRAIN ONTO THE HALF-LOWERED BRIDGE.....


....JUST AS CAPTAIN SUNOL STEERS THE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER INTO POSITION BELOW THE OPEN SPAN - IT'S A CRASH LANDING!

DARINGLY, FLASH DRIVES HIS SUPPLY TRAIN OFF A BRIDGE ONTO THE ROCKET-CARRIER'S DECK


CAPTAIN SUNOL DIRECTS HIS CREW TO STOW THE STRANGE CARGO BELOW, AS HE RACES TO SEA


FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV, REUNITED AT LAST, ARE HEADED FOR THE DISTANT SHORES OF FREELAND -- WHILE MING'S NAVY LIES IN WAIT!
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"IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU SAFELY WITH US AGAIN, FLASH," PRINCESS LITA MURMURS - HER PRIDE IS BARELY ABLE TO CONCEAL THE LOVE IN HER HEART
"YOU GIRLS WILL BE SAFE AT LAST, ONCE WE GET PAST MING'S FLEET AND REACH THE SHORES OF FREELAND," FLASH PROMISES -- HE DOESN'T SEE A DIVING SCOUT-BOMBER -
A SHOWER OF BOMBS BURSTS AHEAD OF THE SHIP - THE CONCUSSION KNOCKS LITA TO THE DECK - CRYING OUT TO DALE TO RUN TO SAFETY, FLASH PICKS UP THE UNCONSCIOUS GIRL
FLASH SAVES LITA FROM THE BOMBERS, "STAY BELOW AND NURSE HER, DALE!" HE ORDERS TENSELY. "I MUST GET BACK ON DECK!"
HASTILY THE SHIP'S ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS GET INTO ACTION--AS SQUADRONS OF MING'S BOMBERS SWOOP TO THE ATTACK
THE ADVANCE WAVE OF BOMBERS BRACKET THE SHIP'S COURSE. FLASH KNOWS THAT THE NEXT WAVE WILL GET HIM!
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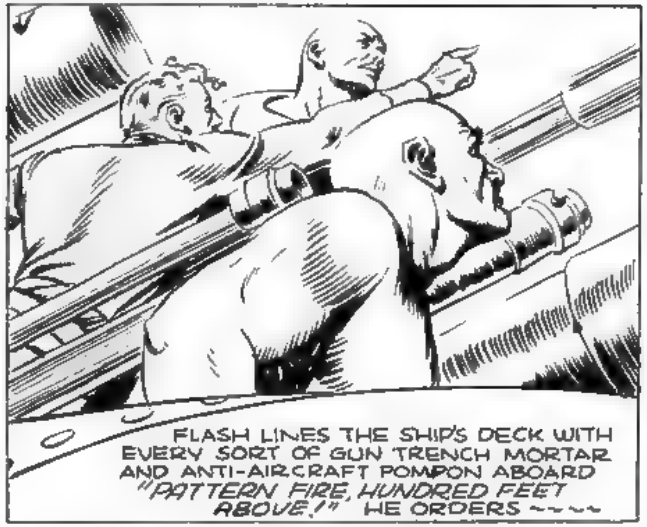
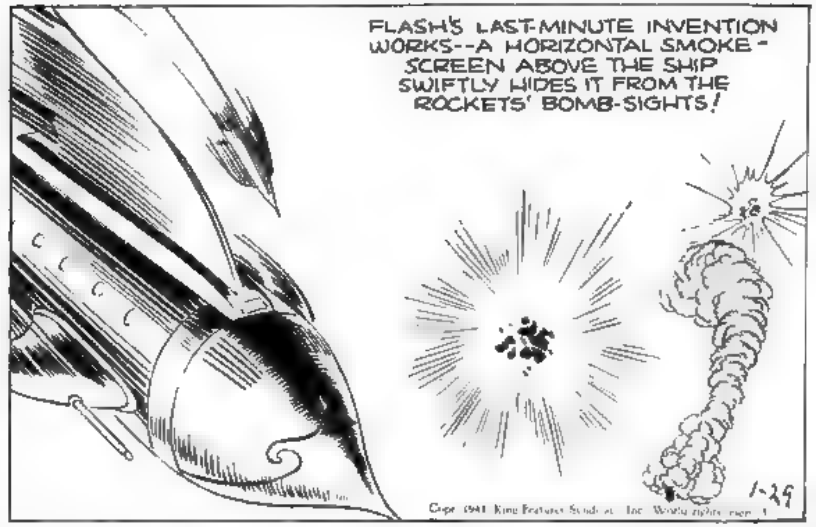
VISIBILITY IS PERFECT-MING'S ROCKET-BOMBERS ARE HITTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THEIR TARGET--IN DESPERATE HASTE, FLASH CALLS FOR SMOKE-SHELLS


FLASH LINES THE SHIP'S DECK WITH EVERY SORT OF GUN TRENCH MORTAR AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT POMPON ABOARD "PATTERN FIRE, HUNDRED FEET ABOVE!" HE ORDERS ~~~~


FLASH'S LAST-MINUTE INVENTION WORKS--A HORIZONTAL SMOKE-SCREEN ABOVE THE SHIP SWIFTLY HIDES IT FROM THE ROCKETS' BOMB-SIGHTS!
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DEFYING ORDERS, DALE COMES ON DECK TO BE WITH FLASH DURING THE BOMBING-"LOOK, DEAR," FLASH SHOUTS, "MY AERIAL SMOKE-SCREEN HAS SPOILED THEIR AIM!"

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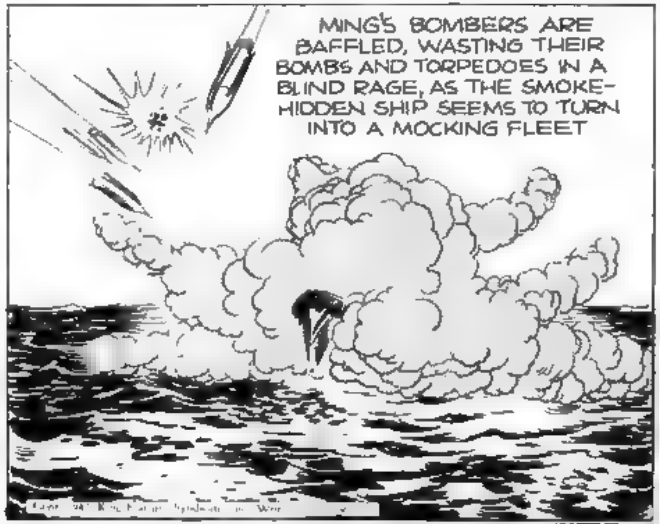
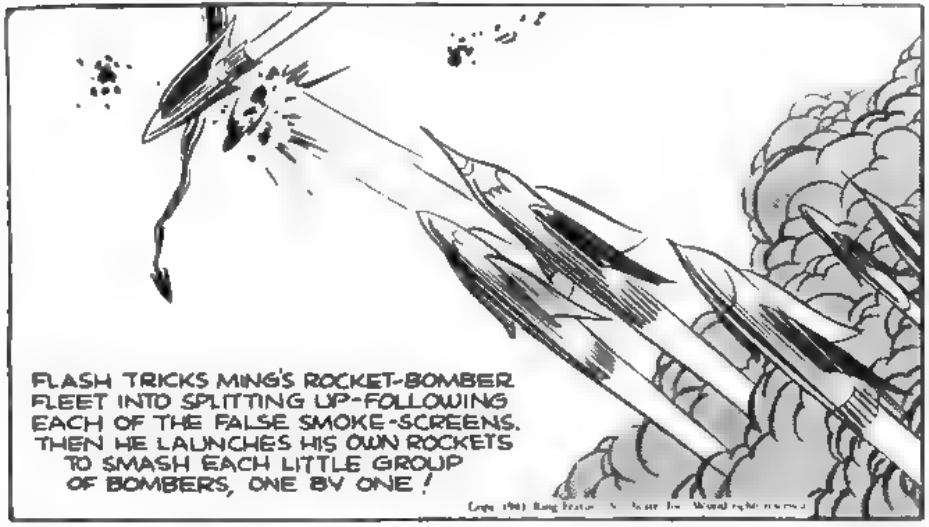
SWIFTLY FLASH PRESSES HIS ADVANTAGE, SENDING OFF ROCKETS TO SPREAD A DOZEN FALSE SMOKE-TRAILS AND HIDE HIS TRUE COURSE----


MING'S BOMBERS ARE BAFFLED, WASTING THEIR BOMBS AND TORPEDOES IN A BLIND RAGE, AS THE SMOKE-HIDDEN SHIP SEEMS TO TURN INTO A MOCKING FLEET


FLASH TRICKS MING'S ROCKET-BOMBER FLEET INTO SPLITTING UP-FOLLOWING EACH OF THE FALSE SMOKE-SCREENS. THEN HE LAUNCHES HIS OWN ROCKETS TO SMASH EACH LITTLE GROUP OF BOMBERS, ONE BY ONE!

"THAT WAS BRILLIANT STRATEGY," CAPTAIN SUNOL CONGRATULATES FLASH "YOU'VE WON CONTROL OF THE AIR!"
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DALE'S CONGRATULATIONS ARE EVEN MORE WELCOME, BUT FLASH UNINTENTIONALLY AROUSES HER JEALOUSLY BY SAYING "I MUST HURRY DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL AND SEE LITA"

DALE, ALWAYS TOO POSSESSIVE FOR HER OWN GOOD, IS JEALOUS WHEN FLASH TRIES TO COMFORT LITA, THE ONLY VICTIM OF MING'S BOMBERS~

DALE IS SAVED FROM BETRAYING HER ANGER, FOR CAPTAIN SUNOL INTERRUPTS: "FLASH-- ON DECK-- QUICK-- MING'S NAVY IS CLOSING IN ON US!"
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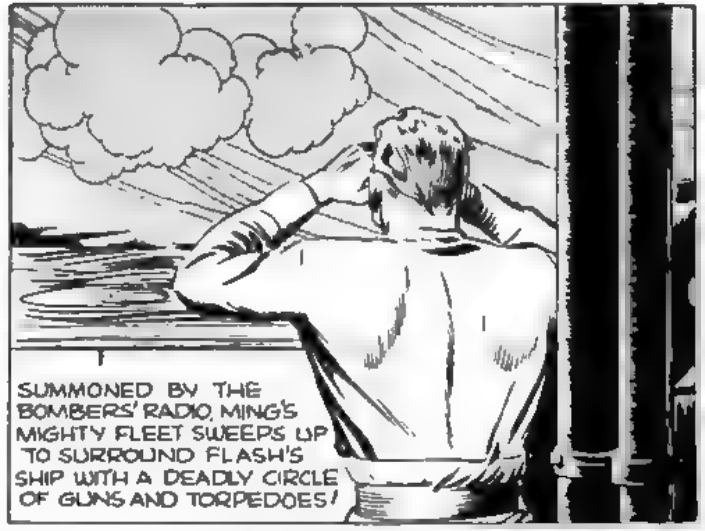
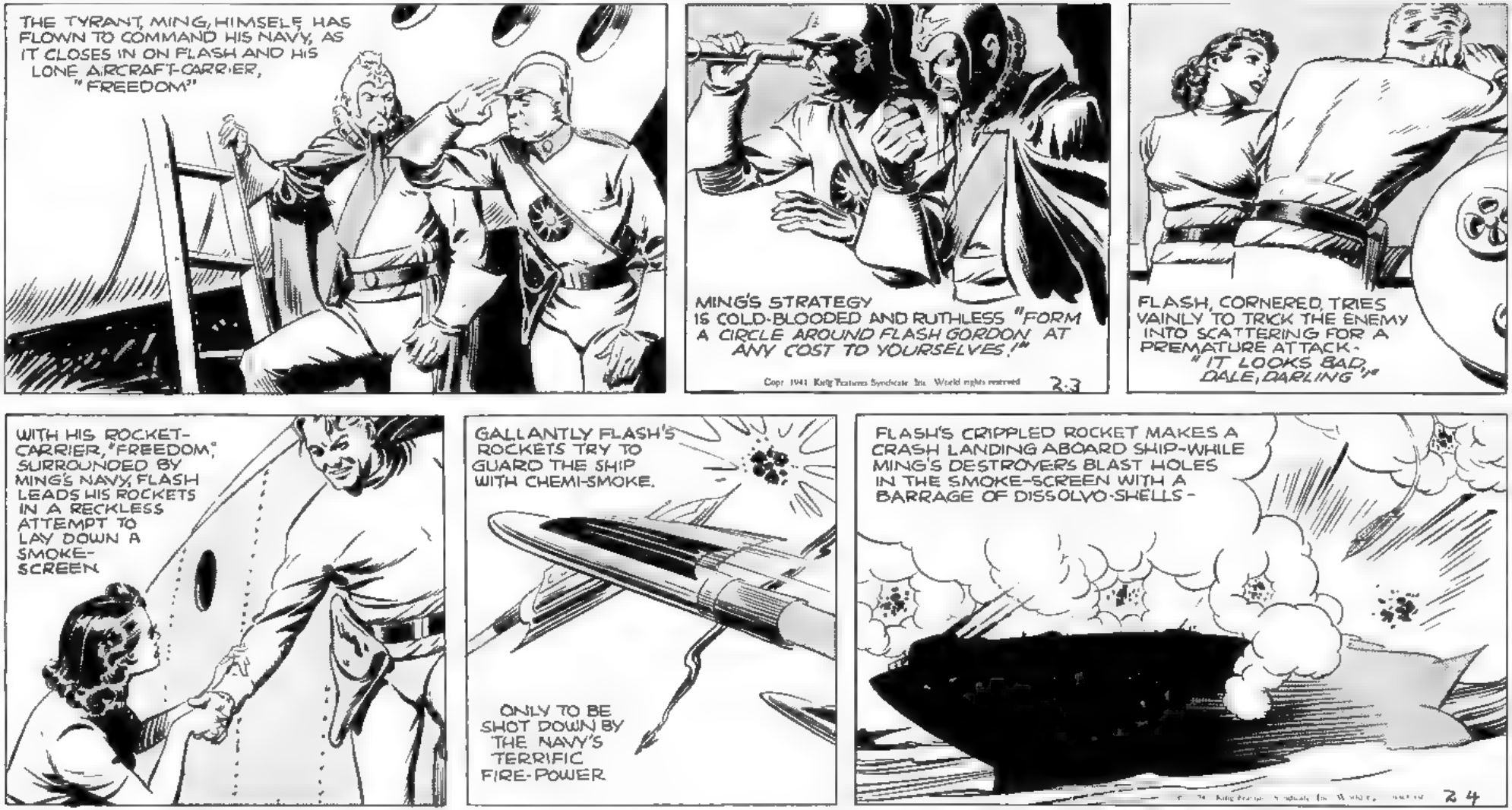

SUMMONED BY THE BOMBERS' RADIO, MING'S MIGHTY FLEET SWEEPS UP TO SURROUND FLASH'S SHIP WITH A DEADLY CIRCLE OF GUNS AND TORPEDOES!


THE TYRANT, MING, HIMSELF HAS FLOWN TO COMMAND HIS NAVY, AS IT CLOSES IN ON FLASH AND HIS LONE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER, "FREEDOM"
MING'S STRATEGY IS COLD-BLOODED AND RUTHLESS "FORM A CIRCLE AROUND FLASH GORDON AT ANY COST TO YOURSELVES!"
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FLASH, CORNERED, TRIES VAINLY TO TRICK THE ENEMY INTO SCATTERING FOR A PREMATURE ATTACK- "IT LOOKS BAD, DALE, DARLING!"
WITH HIS ROCKET-CARRIER, "FREEDOM," SURROUNDED BY MING'S NAVY, FLASH LEADS HIS ROCKETS IN A RECKLESS ATTEMPT TO LAY DOWN A SMOKE-SCREEN
GALLANTLY FLASH'S ROCKETS TRY TO GUARD THE SHIP WITH CHEMI-SMOKE.
ONLY TO BE SHOT DOWN BY THE NAVY'S TERRIFIC FIRE-POWER
FLASH'S CRIPPLED ROCKET MAKES A CRASH LANDING ABOARD SHIP-WHILE MING'S DESTROYERS BLAST HOLES IN THE SMOKE-SCREEN WITH A BARRAGE OF DISSOLVO-SHELLS -
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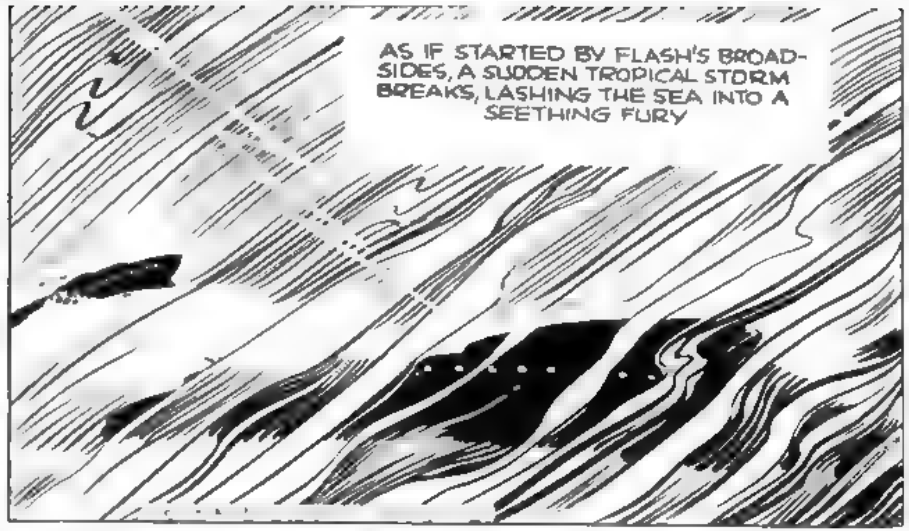
WITH HIS SMOKE-SCREEN DISSOLVED BY MING'S ENCIRCLING NAVY, FLASH ASKS: "SHALL WE SURRENDER, DALE?" THE BRAVE GIRL ANSWERS: "NOT ON MY ACCOUNT, DEAR!"

"RAPID FIRE WITH ALL GUNS!" FLASH SHOUTS, "WE'LL GO DOWN, FIGHTING LIKE FREE-MEN!"


AS IF STARTED BY FLASH'S BROAD-SIDES, A SUDDEN TROPICAL STORM BREAKS, LASHING THE SEA INTO A SEETHING FURY

A TERRIFIC TROPICAL STORM SMASHES DOWN ON FLASH AND MING'S SURROUNDING SHIPS---- "GET TO SHELTER, DALE!" FLASH SHOUTS

"LIGHTS OUT-STOP FIRING-FULL SPEED AHEAD! WE'LL RUN FOR IT AND RISK COLLISION IN THE DARK," FLASH COMMANDS

GRAZING MING'S WALLOWING WARSHIPS, MISSING HEAD-ON COLLISIONS BY INCHES, FLASH DRIVES THE "FREEDOM" THROUGH THE STORM'S HUGE WAVES

FLASH RACES THROUGH MING'S STORM-TOSSED WAR FLEET, RISKING COLLISION AND A WATERY GRAVE TO ESCAPE CAPTURE

THEY HAVE HIT A BATTLESHIP OF MING'S REAR GUARD--AND THE DAMAGED VESSELS ARE LOCKED TOGETHER AND HELD IN A DEATH-GRIP AT THE MERCY OF THE HURRICANE

FLASH'S AIRCRAFT-CARRIER IS LOCKED IN A DEATH-GRIP WITH A BATTLESHIP WHEN THE VESSELS COLLIDE IN A HURRICANE. "WHAT SHIP IS THAT?" DEMANDS MING'S ADMIRAL

"AIRCRAFT-CARRIER, 'FREEDOM,' FLASH GORDON SPEAKING-DON'T SHOOT OR WE'LL SINK TOGETHER-YOU'D BETTER SURRENDER!" FLASH ANSWERS BOLDLY

BUT ADMIRAL MOGOR, TRUE TO MING'S RUTHLESS CODE, ORDERS TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF FLASH'S SHIP, EVEN IF IT MEANS SINKING HIS OWN VESSEL!
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LOCKED TOGETHER WITH ADMIRAL MOGOR'S BATTLE-SHIP BY A COLLISION, FLASH'S SHIP "FREEDOM" IS BEING BLASTED TO PIECES BY HEAVY CANNON FIRE---
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WHILE HIS MEN FIGHT AGAINST HOPELESS ODDS FLASH RACES BELOW- "FOLLOW ME, MEN!"
"QUICK--GRAB THESE ROCKET-TUBES---IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!" FLASH HASN'T EVEN TIME TO EXPLAIN HIS DESPERATE SCHEME
...WITH HIS SHIP'S GUNS SILENCED BY THE BATTLESHIP'S SUPERIOR GUN-POWER, FLASH PILES HIS POWER-ROCKETS AGAINST A BULKHEAD....
WARNING HIS MEN TO TAKE COVER, FLASH RECKLESSLY TOUCHES OFF THE ENTIRE BATTERY OF ROCKET-TUBES....
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WITH A ROAR THAT NEARLY CAPSIZES FLASH'S SHIP, THE ROCKET-TUBES SCREAM AGAINST THE BATTLESHIP, CRUSHING IT LIKE AN EGG-SHELL!

FLASH'S IMPROVISED ROCKET BROADSIDE FAIRLY BLASTS MING'S BATTLESHIP UNDER THE WAVES WITHIN A FEW SECONDS

ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS, FLASH RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE A HANDFUL OF SWIMMING ENEMIES
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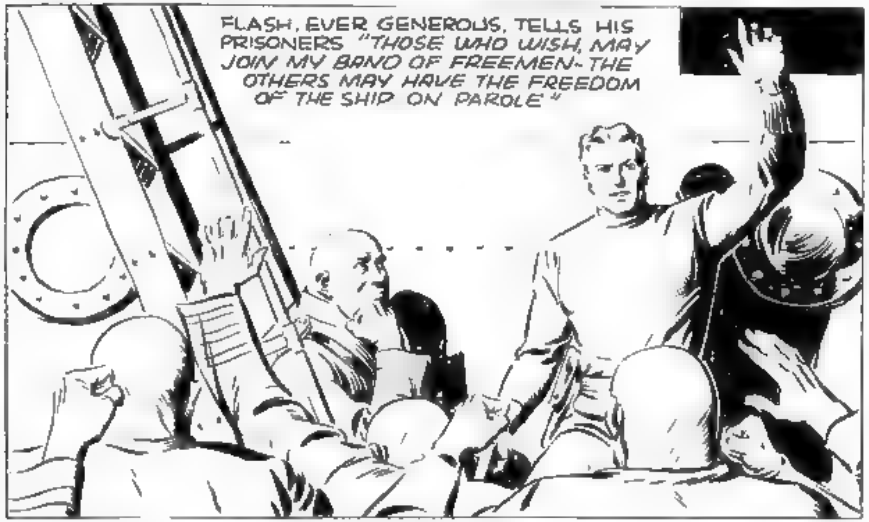
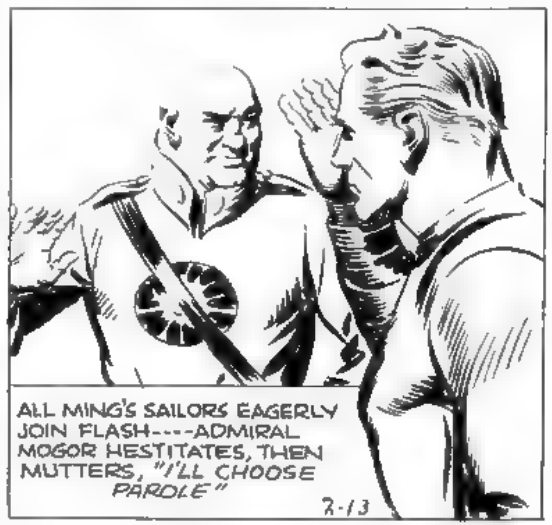
THE FEW SURVIVORS ARE PULLED ABOARD THE "FREEDOM"—AMONG THEM IS MING'S ADMIRAL, MOGOR


FLASH, EVER GENEROUS, TELLS HIS PRISONERS "THOSE WHO WISH, MAY JOIN MY BAND OF FREEMEN- THE OTHERS MAY HAVE THE FREEDOM OF THE SHIP ON PAROLE"


ALL MING'S SAILORS EAGERLY JOIN FLASH----ADMIRAL MOGOR HESITATES, THEN MUTTERS, "I'LL CHOOSE PAROLE"
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CAPTAIN SUNO INTERRUPTS WITH HORRIFYING NEWS. "QUICK, FLASH.. WE'RE SINKING FAST!"

BATTERED BY STORM AND GUNFIRE, THE "FREEDOM" IS SINKING - HASTILY FLASH DIRECTS THE CREW IN EMERGENCY REPAIRS - "LOWER THIS PATCH!"
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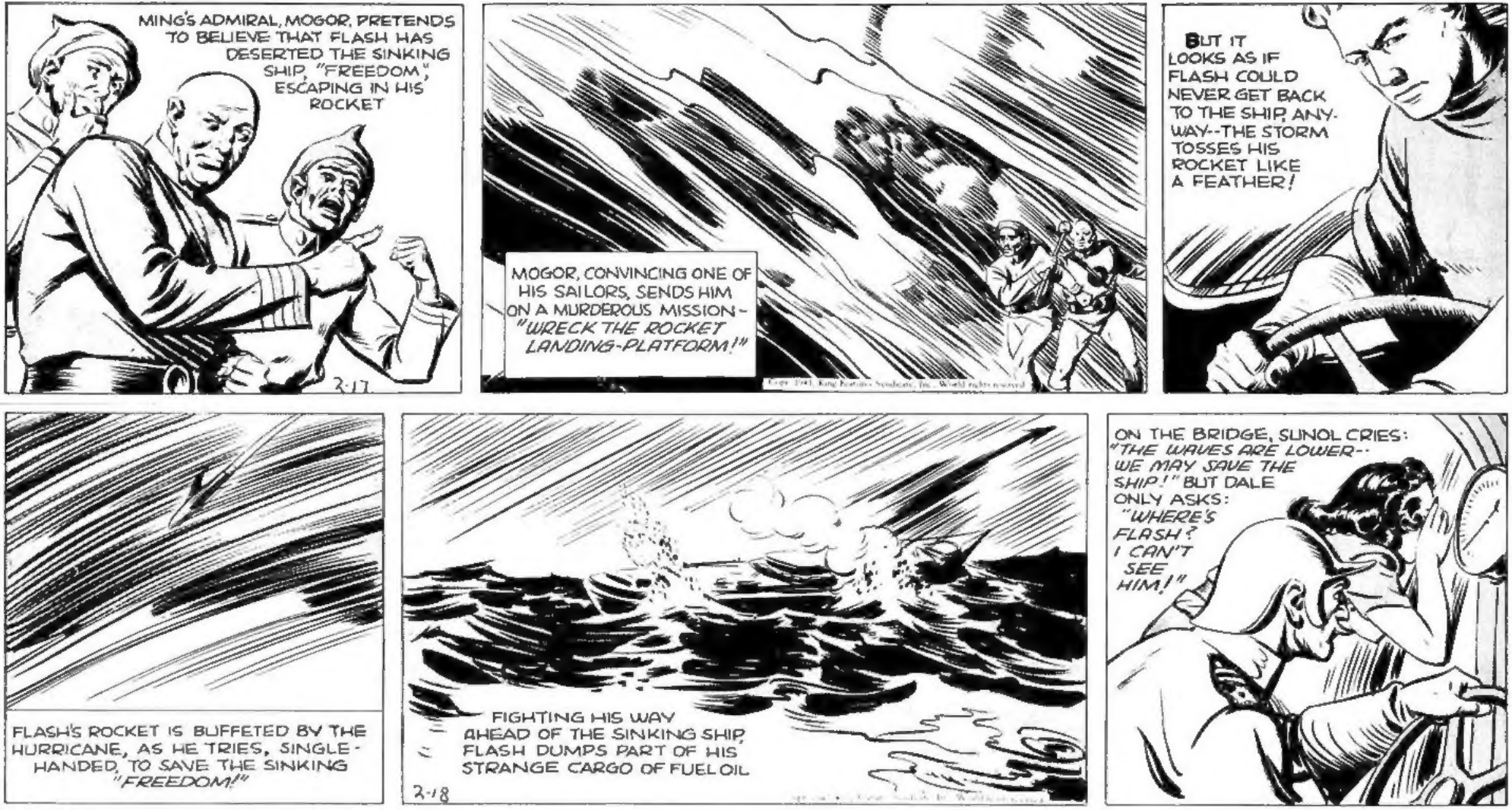
ZARKOV SPEEDS UP THE SHIP'S PUMPS WITH ROCKET-POWER
BUT IT'S A LOSING RACE - "THESE HURRICANE WAVES ARE REOPENING THE LEAKS YOU JUST CLOSED!" SUNOL REPORTS TO FLASH
THE HURRICANE WAVES ARE SINKING FLASH'S BATTERED SHIP - HE RACES ON DECK TO THE ONE UNDAMAGED ROCKET. "IT'LL ONLY HOLD THE WOMEN," SUNOL WARNS
2-15
FLASH SEEMINGLY PAYS NO HEED. "LOAD IT WITH ALL THE FUEL OIL IT'LL LIFT!" HE SUDDENLY ORDERS
FLASH TAKES OFF ALONE INTO THE TEETH OF THE GALE. - "HE'S LEAVING US TO DROWN!" ADMIRAL MOGOR SNARLS. DALE RETORTS: "THAT'S A LIE! HE HAS SOME PLAN TO SAVE US!"


MING'S ADMIRAL, MOGOR, PRETENDS TO BELIEVE THAT FLASH HAS DESERTED THE SINKING SHIP, "FREEDOM", ESCAPING IN HIS ROCKET
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MOGOR, CONVINCING ONE OF HIS SAILORS, SENDS HIM ON A MURDEROUS MISSION - "WRECK THE ROCKET LANDING-PLATFORM!"
BUT IT LOOKS AS IF FLASH COULD NEVER GET BACK TO THE SHIP, ANY-WAY--THE STORM TOSSES HIS ROCKET LIKE A FEATHER!
FLASH'S ROCKET IS BUFFETED BY THE HURRICANE, AS HE TRIES, SINGLE-HANDED, TO SAVE THE SINKING "FREEDOM!"
FIGHTING HIS WAY AHEAD OF THE SINKING SHIP, FLASH DUMPS PART OF HIS STRANGE CARGO OF FUEL OIL
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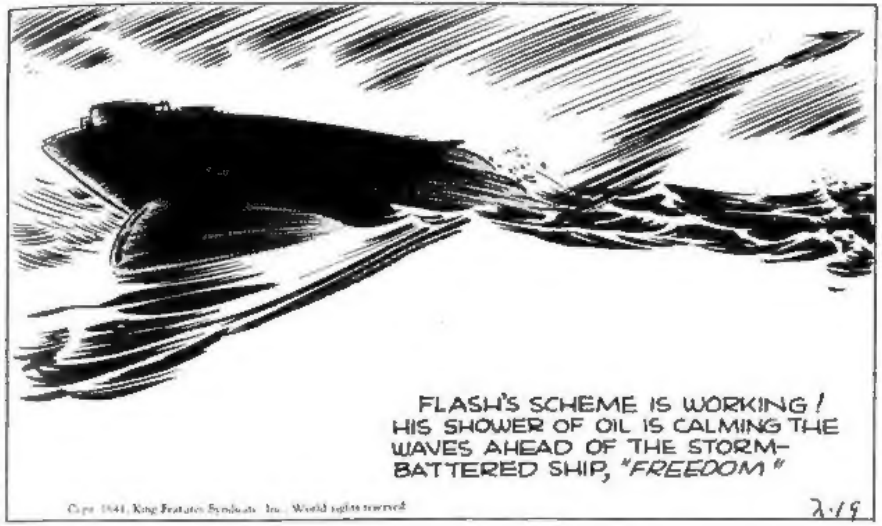
ON THE BRIDGE, SUNOL CRIES: "THE WAVES ARE LOWER-- WE MAY SAVE THE SHIP!" BUT DALE ONLY ASKS: "WHERE'S FLASH? I CAN'T SEE HIM!"


FLASH'S SCHEME IS WORKING! HIS SHOWER OF OIL IS CALMING THE WAVES AHEAD OF THE STORM-BATTERED SHIP, "FREEDOM"
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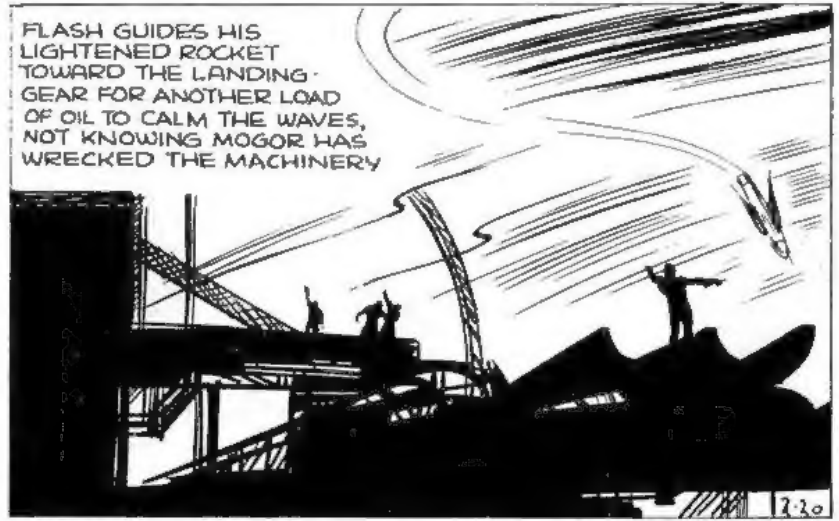
MING'S ADMIRAL, MOGOR, SEEING THE SHIP WILL BE SAVED, SNEAKS INTO THE RADIO CABIN--

----AND RUTHLESSLY MURDERING THE RADIO OPERATOR, FLASHES THE SHIP'S POSITION AND COURSE TO MING'S NAVY!

ADMIRAL MOGOR TREACHEROUSLY RADIOS THE "FREEDOM'S" POSITION TO MING'S NAVY----

"I SHOULD SHOOT YOU FOR VIOLATING PAROLE! I'LL HOLD YOU IN IRONS TILL FLASH RETURNS!" CAPTAIN SUNOL ROARS. MOGOL SHRUGS: "HE'LL NEVER RETURN--"


FLASH GUIDES HIS LIGHTENED ROCKET TOWARD THE LANDING-GEAR FOR ANOTHER LOAD OF OIL TO CALM THE WAVES, NOT KNOWING MOGOR HAS WRECKED THE MACHINERY
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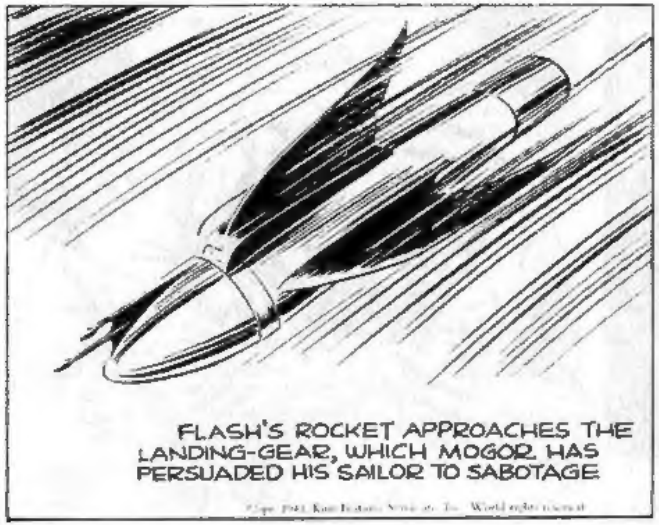
FLASH'S ROCKET APPROACHES THE LANDING-GEAR, WHICH MOGOR HAS PERSUADED HIS SAILOR TO SABOTAGE

SUDDENLY, THE SAILOR, DONAL, RUSHES OUT INTO THE PATH OF THE LANDING ROCKET

FLASH ZOOMS UP TO AVOID HITTING THE SAILOR, WHILE DONAL BABBLES: "MOGOR TOLD ME FLASH HAD DESERTED US, SO I WRECKED THE LANDING-GEAR, BUT FLASH SAVED THE SHIP--- I COULDN'T LET HIM CRASH!"

THE CREW RUSHES REPAIRS ON THE SABOTAGED LANDING-GEAR, WHILE FLASH'S ROCKET BATTLES THE STORM

FLASH GUIDES HIS ROCKET TO A BUMPY LANDING...

"YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE ME---- THAT MAKES UP FOR YOUR MISTAKE, DONAL," FLASH SAYS GENEROUSLY, "AND NOW, FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR OUR NEW HOME, 'FREELAND!'"